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## King in the ring

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Albert King practices at the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Tuesday. King, an All-Navy boxer, said he is doing everything he can to ensure he's ready to reapply for All-Navy camp in November.

## Harsh reality doesn't deter U.S. forces in Afghanistan

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
*Stars and Stripes*

**S**pc. Patricia Stringfellow had been in Kandahar exactly one day when a pair of middle-aged Danes, her NATO allies, burst her bubble.

Cold drinks in hand, sitting on a bench on the base boardwalk, the tanned Danes told the newly arrived 24-year-old U.S. soldier with the 19th Engineer Battalion she was "crazy" if she thought more U.S. troops would rout the Taliban or that Afghanistan could be transformed.

They said they'd be doing her a favor if they amputated her leg so she could return home to Fort Knox, Ky.

"They got quite cheeky with me," said Stringfellow, a friendly, sincere woman with a husband and 2-year-old son at home. Still, she said, she believed that the U.S. effort would be successful.

"I have faith," she said, putting her hand over her heart.

Stringfellow's battalion is part of the United States' 21,000-troop increase requested by Gen. David McKiernan, who was sacked earlier this month just as the troops began arriving.

The new troops, bringing the U.S. total to about 60,000, are scheduled to be in place before the Afghan presidential election in August.

It's unclear what changes the new Afghanistan commander, Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, will make, but it's certain that the counterinsurgency techniques will remain central. That means combat troops on small bases, mobility, intelligence, special operations to kill insurgent leaders, and trying to woo regular Afghans away from insurgents by protecting them and providing for them. It also means working and waiting for good governance.

U.S. Forces Afghanistan Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa, the top enlisted soldier in Afghanistan, said he believes U.S. goals are attainable despite "challenges."

He cites NATO partners which, for the most part, have not given up caveats that prevent many operations, and trying to encourage democracy in one of the most patriarchal, tribal, rural and illiterate cultures on Earth.

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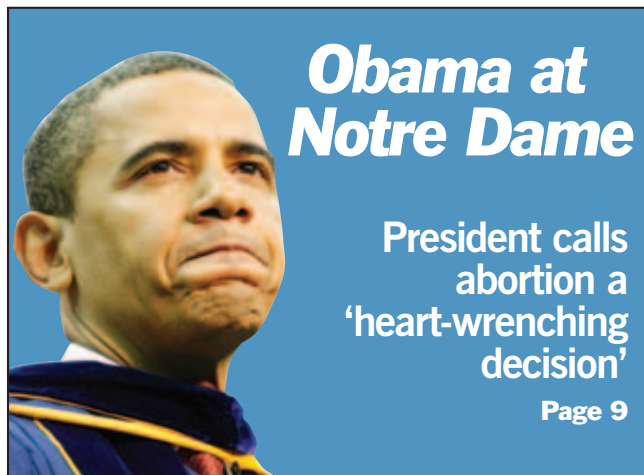
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**"You've got force protection, you've got chow. What more do you need? You don't need a Pizza Hut."**

— Sgt. Maj. Brendan Durkan, while touring a base in eastern Afghanistan that lacks many amenities found on bases in Iraq

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## Navy boxer training to be the best

BY DAVID J. CARTER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — On most Friday nights at Yokosuka Naval Base, sailors are lining up at the ATMs, preparing to head out for a night on the town.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Albert King isn't. He'd rather wrap up his hands and to go to war in the boxing ring.

"It's just another Friday night," he said.

King, a two-year veteran of the All-Navy boxing program, recently returned to Japan after a round of boxing contests in the States.

Before returning, King won the middleweight division at the All-Navy National Box-Off Tournament in California, besting a Marine Corps pugilist for top honors in the 165-pound class.

The Navy security specialist had boxed for only two years when he was selected two years ago to the Navy team.

All-Navy boxing camp, located in Oxnard, Calif., lasts about three months and, as King puts it, is not for everyone.

"It's brutal," he said. "The entire process at camp is very intense."

King's weekly training consists of three or four sparring sessions as well as plenty of sprint training, long-distance running and bag work.

In November, King will be required to reapply for camp. He said he's confident he'll be selected to return.

However, he added, once there, there's no guarantee he'll be placed back onto the roster, so he spends most of the year ensuring his spot is safe.

"If there's someone new in my weight class, I'll have to box them for the spot," said King, who normally fights as a 152-pound welterweight. "That's why I'm done with the partying and going out. My focus is on getting back to camp and being the best."

The top fighters from each service compete each year in the Armed Forces Boxing Championships. The winners there can advance to national and international competition and could have a shot at the Olympic trials if an



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**Above:** Petty Officer 2nd Class Albert King of the Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, security department spars with a local boxer at the Rodeo Style, an off-base gym, on Friday. **Bottom left:** King wraps his hands before sparring on Friday. **Bottom right:** King jumps rope in the James D. Kelly Fleet Recreation Center on Tuesday. King is preparing to return to All-Navy boxing camp in December.



Olympic year is approaching.

"2012, 2016 — that's the goal," King said. "Competing at the Olympic level is the reason I'm doing what I'm doing."

Getting more ring experience in Japan has presented its challenges, said King, who has a pair of boxing gloves tattooed on his right arm.

"Amateur boxing in Japan doesn't allow any tattoos, so it's really hard for me to find fights around here," he explained

King said an alternative has been his training at an off-base mixed martial-arts gym, Rodeo Style, which incorporates boxing into its program a few nights a week.

The Navy boxer said the Navy and his department have backed his aspirations. But his top fan is at home.

"My wife has been the biggest support for me," he said.

King is now focused on diet, training and hard work — all part

of what it's going to take to make him better for All-Navy camp, he said.

"I'm definitely going to be ready."

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# Behind the GATES

By GREG JAFFE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On a rainy night in March, Defense Secretary Robert Gates traveled to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to witness the military's ritual for welcoming home its war dead.

In a small building next to the tarmac, an officer briefed him on the four deceased troops arriving that evening. They had been driving along a rutted road near Jalalabad, Afghanistan, when their Humvee hit a powerful roadside bomb.

Gates flashed with anger, according to people with him that day. He had spent most of his tenure in the Pentagon pushing to replace Humvees in Afghanistan and Iraq with the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, which had been built to withstand such blasts. "Find out why they hadn't gotten their [expletive] MRAPs yet," he snapped at his staff.

Clad in the black suit he had worn to work that morning in the Pentagon, Gates climbed into the cargo hold of the white 747 bearing the remains. From the ground, troops could see the defense secretary as he knelt, alone, by the flag-draped transfer cases. Five minutes passed.

Then Gates, a small man with white hair combed across his head in neat rows, appeared in the plane's door and summoned the chaplain and the honor guard to begin the 17-minute welcome-home ritual.

In his term, Gates has embarked on an ambitious effort to force defense to focus more of its energy on developing weapons and equipment that can help troops on the ground as they battle insurgencies in Afghanistan and Iraq.

His push to refocus the department comes as the war in Afghanistan appears to be in stalemate and violence against U.S. troops and Afghan forces is on the rise. In neighboring Pakistan, where the Taliban and al-Qaida have carved out a haven from which they can launch attacks on U.S. troops, the government's hold on power throughout the country has grown shakier.

## Decisive action

The deteriorating conditions in the two countries seem to have sharpened the secretary's sense of urgency. Last week, he

fired the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. His 2010 defense budget, introduced this month, proposes to cut or curtail a spate of large-scale weapons programs.

"Listening to our troops and commanders, unvarnished and unscripted, has from the moment I took this job been the greatest single source of ideas on what the department needs to do," he told lawmakers on Wednesday.

Gates' critics, including some active-duty generals and many of the senior officials that he has fired, say that his intense focus on Afghanistan and Iraq threatens to turn the vaunted U.S. military into an army of occupiers and nation-builders. "I am sure the North Koreans fear the MRAP and the Iranians are cringing in their boots about

tary commanders reach his office the day before the meeting in which they will be discussed. If slides arrive after the deadline, the meeting will be canceled or postponed, Pentagon officials said.

Gates sets deadlines of weeks or even days. Meetings with top generals rarely run more than 45 minutes. "The natural propensity of a bureaucracy is not to decide," he has often said. "It will just chew the cud until there is no taste at all."

Just three months into his tenure, he fired Army Secretary Francis Harvey after articles in The Washington Post exposed appalling living conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Harvey wasn't dismissed for the conditions at the hospital,

and other similar initiatives into the 2010 defense budget. "His engagement on this budget has been orders of magnitude greater than any other secretary of defense that I can recall," said Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in an interview. "There is a certainty about what he wants, and you can't get around it."

## 'We can and must do better'

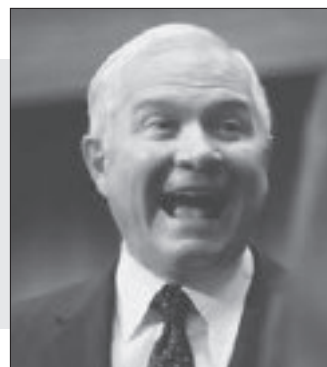
Last week, Gates flew to Afghanistan, where he asked for the resignation of the top American general in charge of the war.

*"There is a certainty about what he wants, and you can't get around it."*

Adm. Michael Mullen

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, about Defense Secretary Robert Gates, at right

MELINA MARA/The Washington Post



the threat from our stability forces," former Air Force secretary Michael Wynne, who was dismissed last year, wrote in an online column.

Last year, the four-star generals who run the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps formally "nonconcurred" with the classified version of his National Defense Strategy, but Gates concluded that their concerns were "not compelling," said a senior Pentagon official involved in the process, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

## One job: Fix the war in Iraq

Gates didn't come to the Pentagon to make major changes. He had only one job: Fix the war in Iraq.

Even Gates' detractors concede that he is a ruthlessly effective manager of the Pentagon bureaucracy. He demands that all briefing slides from his staff and mili-

defense officials said. Gates relieved him for failing to acknowledge the severity of the problems and fix them swiftly.

Gates, who colleagues describe as consistent and self-controlled, often grows quiet when he disagrees with someone. "It was like arguing with a stone," Harvey recalled of their meeting. "The meeting lasted maybe 90 seconds."

By early 2009, one of Gates' pet projects had produced results: The number of U.S. military Predators in the air over Afghanistan and Iraq had increased almost threefold, to 31 from 12. In a speech last year at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., Gates compared the effort to "pulling teeth."

In the months since he was asked by President Barack Obama to stay on as defense secretary as the Cabinet's lone holdover, Gates' top priority has been incorporating the lessons of the task force

He had chosen Gen. David McKiernan for the post 11 months earlier but had become convinced that a new commander was needed to arrest the decline in the country. "We can and must do better," he later told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

During his trip, Gates flew to a sprawling American base being built in southern Afghanistan to accommodate thousands of new U.S. troops now arriving in the country. He met four Marines who showed him their charred and dented MRAP.

A few days earlier, as the Marines patrolled the desert surrounding the base, a roadside bomb had detonated under the vehicle.

One of the Marines inside had broken his arm. The other three were bruised.

Gates looked pleased. He shook their hands, struggled to make small talk and thanked them for their service.



NIKKI KAHN/The Washington Post

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, left, and Arlington National Cemetery Superintendent John C. Metzler leave the grave site of Air Force Tech. Sgt. Phillip A. Myers, of Hopewell, Va., last month.



# Troops still battling mental health stigma

By ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A military culture that values strength and a “can do” spirit is discouraging thousands of soldiers from seeking help to heal the emotional scars of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, despite top-level efforts to overcome the stigma, commanders and veterans say.

Up to one-fifth of the more than 1.7 million military members who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan are believed to have symptoms of anxiety, depression and other emotional problems. Some studies show that about half of those who need help do not seek it.

“It’s a reality that for some — certainly not all, but for some — there’s a stigma to stepping forward for behavioral health,” Maj. David Cabrera, who runs counseling services at a military hospital in Germany, told The Associated Press.

“Our goal is to eradicate the stigma,” he said. “We’re not there yet.”

Encouraging more soldiers to seek help, and training leaders to spot signs of trouble, have taken on new urgency since the fatal shooting of five U.S. servicemembers at a counseling center at Baghdad’s Camp Liberty.

Army Sgt. John M. Russell has been charged with five counts of murder. He was

finishing his third tour in Iraq and had been ordered to seek counseling at the center, the Army said.

Combat stress is common in every war — including “battle fatigue” cases in World War II and the lasting trauma still suffered by thousands of veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

What makes the current conflicts different are the frequent, repeating rotations. Most soldiers spent just one or two assignments in Vietnam, but many American soldiers and Marines are on their third or fourth tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Units return home to the United States or Germany, only to begin soon preparing for their next deployment, adding strains on both the soldiers and their families.

Military officials insist they are keenly aware of the growing stress problem in the ranks and are moving quickly to expand counseling facilities not only in war zones but at bases in the U.S. and Europe for troops who return from the fighting.

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Frey, 36, on his second tour of Iraq, said the Army does not consider it a bad mark against a soldier if the soldier seeks counseling. But going to a combat stress center “may be viewed as a weakness by individuals,” he said.

“We are alpha males in the infantry,” he said.



ANGELA RUIZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Maj. Nicholas Marshall, left, commander of the 8th Medical Squadron's clinical flight, talks with an airman at the base mental health clinic at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, in January. Kunsan officials have started monthly seminars to help servicemembers who may have post-traumatic stress disorder.**

## Petraeus addresses VMI graduates



PETE MAROVICH/AP

**Graduates of the class of 2009 celebrate following commencement ceremonies at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., on Saturday. Army Gen. David Petraeus, the head of the U.S. Central Command, told graduating cadets Saturday that the nation needs military leaders who are disciplined, innovative and have integrity like those trained at VMI.**

## At service, victim recalled as ‘just a kid’

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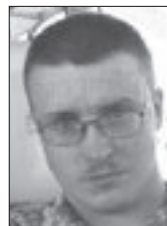
The victim of a shooting at a combat stress clinic in Camp Liberty had sought counseling there partly because Mother’s Day made him feel the recent loss of his mother, a commander said.

Spc. Jacob Barton, 20, “simply desired to talk with someone trained to listen,” said Lt. Col. Matthew Zajac, 46th Engineer Combat Battalion.

Zajac spoke during a crowded memorial service for Barton held Thursday at the Camp Liberty chapel.

Officials say Barton was also dealing with the stresses of a new career and his first deployment.

Barton, a construction equipment mechanic, was one of five people killed on May 4 when Sgt. John M. Russell allegedly opened



Barton

fire at the center.

Barton was “very innocent. He was just a boy — still a kid,” Sgt. Alexis Hernandez, Barton’s squad leader with the 277th Engineer Company, said during the service.

“We finally got him to start standing up for himself and he was really starting to develop,” he was quoted as saying in a news release. “Wish he could’ve experienced so much more in life.”

His friends said his small-town upbringing in Lenox, Mo., and his

kind heart made him seem a bit sheltered and innocent.

He “often found himself being tricked by his peers because of his trusting nature and very limited exposure to the corruption of the outside world,” Capt. Gordon Robbins, commander of the company said during his eulogy. “It was his purity and trusting nature that allowed him to take the pranks without ever holding a grudge against his buddies.”

Barton with stationed with the 955th Engineer Company, based in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., but deployed with the 277th.

Spc. Daniel Castillo, a close friend of Barton, was quoted as saying, “He was just a simple guy, didn’t complain about this or that, and always tried his best. It’s just as simple as that.”

## Global warming seminar at Misawa generates debate

By T.D. FLACK

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A seminar on global warming Friday sparked a lively debate at Misawa.

One of the roughly 60 people in attendance seemed to sum it up with one thought: “It’s not all cut and dry,” he said of the complex and often controversial issue.

Clinical neuropsychologist Kirk L. Rowe presented “The Psychology of Global Warming” for the University of Maryland University College-Asia. He subtitled his presentation, “The train has left the station ... are you on it?”

An Air Force officer and senior member of the medical community, Rowe stressed he was providing his viewpoints, and wasn’t speaking for the service or his command Friday.

As a professional who often helps people through change, Rowe is interested in how

an entire culture must change a mind-set.

Despite the “plethora of evidence,” on the phenomenon of global warming, Rowe said, there are too many people who “don’t really want to buy a ticket and get on the train.”

Rowe began by providing background on the issue, pointing out that the first warning came in 1896, with some claiming that burning fossil fuels would lead to global warming. He also showed a slide of solar panels placed on the roof of the White House in the 1970s and pointed out that the United States has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol — a United Nations effort to reduce greenhouse gasses.

Many developing nations look at America as the ideal nation, he said. But Americans, only 5 percent of the world’s population, use 25 percent of the world’s energy resources, he said.

And when the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

meets in Copenhagen later this year, officials would not be arguing whether global warming is a reality, he said.

Instead, he said, they’ll be asking, “How are we going to prevent, mitigate and adapt to this problem as best we can?”

After his presentation, several members of the audience took turns asking questions — and at times, answering each other.

One man asked Rowe if Americans should stop thinking in terms of leading, and maybe start following some of the other nations who have been more proactive on the issue. America is “into being No. 1,” Rowe said. “We can follow for sure. Maybe we could lead a little bit too.”

Another participant said global warming is going to cause more war — as precious resources like fertile land and water become increasingly scarce.

One woman’s thought that more people should go vegetarian prompted a quick question by another in the crowd. Did she

eat only organic vegetables? he asked. If not, she might actually be doing the environment more harm than good.

One woman wanted to know where the middle ground stands between personal effort and the goals of an entire nation so Misawa residents could “carry on the fight” after Rowe moves from Misawa later this year.

“Do we need paper towels in the bathrooms,” was his quick response. Light sensors in the workspaces are another good start, he said lauding the base for the work that’s been done to date.

One audience member asked what the real threat was with global warming.

Increasingly intense hurricanes, rain falling at a faster rate, less snow, changing industries — and worse, Rowe warned.

“Nature always bats last,” he said.

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Background: View of Afghanistan from FOB Joyce. Top right: ISAF and U.S. Forces — Afghanistan Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa talks with soldiers at FOB Monti. Bottom right: Savusa, left, and 1st Sgt. Harold Hill at FOB Monti, along with local Afghans.

## Strategy: 'That's what we're facing today: ... A local insurgency ... funded by poppy'

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The Afghans are good people, Savusa said. Yet the harsh treatment of women there unsettles even such a seasoned warrior. "It tears me up inside to see it," Savusa said.

### Building up

Stringfellow will likely spend her year on Kandahar air base, one of the largest bases in the country and getting bigger by the day. But most troops will pass through Kandahar on the way to forward operating bases, temporary patrol bases and observation posts in the south and up high in the Hindu Kush, kilometers from the Pakistan border.

Amenities are not included.

"You've got force protection, you've got chow. What more do you need? You don't need a Pizza Hut," said Sgt. Maj. Brendan Durkan, while touring Forward Operating Base Joyce and other bases in eastern Afghanistan along with Savusa earlier this month.

"This is as real as it gets," Durkan continued. "Feeling fresh air. Knowing somebody is watching us right now. God bless 'em."

FOB Joyce had once been home to a company; now a battalion from the 10th Mountain Division had moved in.

Savusa viewed an MRAP that had driven over a roadside bomb. No one inside was injured in the blast, he was told, but the vehicle was out of commission.

In fact, three MRAPs were down after hitting bombs.

"I could fix all three of them," Chief Warrant Officer 2 Curtis Russell told Savusa. "But we can't get parts."

Savusa said he knew that getting parts and equipment was a problem — caused in part by Afghanistan's minimal infrastructure, and in part by the fact that troops were wanted on the ground so quickly their equipment would have to catch up.

But unlike Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who's been troubled by equipment shortfalls and lengthy procurement processes, Savusa seemed to see it more or less as a hiccup. "We knew we'd have to continue to build," he said. "But we needed the troops there now. Today, right now with the plus-up, I don't think there's anything I'm displeased with," he said. "I'm very optimistic."

It's Savusa's third time in Afghanistan. On his previous tour, he said, he felt discouraged. "I was disappointed," he said. "I did not see the progress people were hoping for."

The reason, he said: "Iraq gets what it wants. Af-

ghanistan learns to do without. It's been like that for the last eight years."

"We came here in 2001, and we pushed out the Taliban across the border, limping and everything else. But we changed focus in 2003.

"After the (Afghan) presidential election, things were very hopeful in 2004," Savusa said. "You could see how much the people wanted it. Unfortunately that did not pan out. Those that got into government did not help the people.... It just turned the people away. It gave the Taliban an opportunity to grow from within," Savusa said. "That's what we're facing today: it's a local insurgency loosely tied to al-Qaida and heavily funded by poppy."

### Needs

At FOB Monti, 1st Sgt. Harold Hill had been up much of the night before as part of a quick reaction force. They had responded to a call from an observation post — staffed with 22 Afghans, four Latvians and three Americans — that had come under heavy fire from all directions by an estimated 200 insurgents.

Hill's biggest problem on base, he said, was having four latrines for up to 180 men. A KBR contractor who'd visited the day before told Hill he'd get more toilets out as soon as he could, but all the bases that were now expanding needed things.

"As long as there are plans (to get the latrines) — it's staying on track," Savusa said. "Make sure you stay on their backs."

Savusa asked whether Hill's soldiers were meeting with local elders and whether they were ensuring that every operation included Afghan forces.

Hill said his soldiers spend five days at a time meeting with local men, then return to the base for two, then go out again.

"I know we don't have a lot of troops up here for you to hold (territory)," Savusa said. "We'll have to do it with ANA and ANP," referring to the Afghan army and police.

The Afghan security forces, even more than those in Iraq, have been bedeviled by lack of equipment and by corruption and incompetence. U.S. officials emphasize that the Afghan army is "the most respected institution in the country," but say little about the police.

However, an Army captain with the 1st Infantry Division who's been training Afghan police near Jalalabad for the past six months didn't hold back.

"They're awful," he said.

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FOB Joyce is in eastern Afghanistan, just a few miles from Pakistan.

## A tense night on patrol

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — It was a routine foot patrol. The soldiers in their night-vision goggles and body armor went single file from Camp Phoenix outside the wire, though darkening fields, beside houses, over ledges, through mud and sewage and to the right of a stinking stream called for obvious reasons "Shit Creek."

They were vigilant and stealthy, communicating with hand signals.

Dogs barked, crickets chirped and bad odors wafted. An Afghan man occasionally passed by, wraithlike in the dusk.

Several of the soldiers of Company D, 634th Logistics Task Force, assigned to the 33rd Brigade Combat Team, had volunteered for the presence patrol.

Although someone had recently tried to lob a grenade over the fence, no one had threatened a foot patrol in the past six months.

"The people have never been

rude to us," said squad leader Staff Sgt. Henry Baez Jr., an Illinois native and National Guardsman who goes by "Jay," and plans on a career as a legislator. "They're just a few hundred years behind us."

"I wouldn't say a bad thing about them. Except for the adolescent boys. We don't get along with the adolescent boys."

Adolescent boys, part of Afghanistan's traditionally misogynistic culture, routinely make obscene remarks to female soldiers on patrol. But none were about, and the patrol continued on silently.

The soldiers crossed one highway — the most dangerous part of the patrol, their squad leader had told them in their briefing, where in the past it had been necessary to shoot "a ton of dogs" and at two cars — without incident. True, the lieutenant had tripped and fallen, twice. But noted Baez, "That was good for morale."

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# Militants ambush patrol at Afghan school

By ANDREW DRAKE  
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The Associated Press

ALIABAD, Afghanistan — The bearded Afghan army officer dropped off bundles of pens and notebooks at the school and asked one boy which he preferred: The Americans or the Taliban?

"I don't know," the boy replied. But after a short silence other children in the classroom answered for him: "The Taliban."

Within minutes the discussion was punctuated by an insurgent ambush and the joint U.S.-Afghan patrol became pinned down in this area with forested mountains, caves and ravines that American soldiers call "the Valley of Death."

Heavy machine-gun fire blanketed the patrol as troops used smoke grenades and cover fire to escape the ambush. No one in the patrol was killed in the firefight Saturday.

The Korengal Valley in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province has a reputation as one of the most dangerous areas in the country, where its rugged mountainous terrain makes it a perfect insurgent playground.

The region's infamy for U.S. and Afghan troops dates back to June 2005, when a four-man team of Navy SEALs was caught in a militant ambush. Three were killed and the fourth was rescued days later by a farmer.

A helicopter carrying American special forces sent to rescue the SEALs was shot down with a rocket-propelled grenade, killing 16 American troops in one of the deadliest single attacks on the U.S. military since the war began here in 2001.



DAVID GUTTENFELDER/AP

**Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers take cover behind a primary school wall and return fire as Taliban fighters attack them on their departure from the school in the village of Aliabad in the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan's Kunar province.**

Since then, the insurgents have used the cover of caves and trees to attack small American units patrolling the valley. Despite years of clashes and airstrikes, U.S. and Afghan forces have failed to subdue the Korengal Valley — one of the most staunchly anti-American regions in Afghanistan.

The tribes here speak a distinct language — Korengali — and adhere to the austere Wahabi brand of Islam most prevalent in Saudi Arabia, and practiced by Osama bin Laden and the Taliban.

The Saturday gunbattle erupted following a humanitarian mission to deliver 60 bags of school supplies to the students, aged 5 to 12 years old.

An Associated Press news team embedded with the U.S. troops dashed back to the American military base nearby on dirt trails. It was unclear what happened to the students after the joint patrol retreated.

"Unfortunately the people, the Taliban, they don't like us and the coalition forces to have a good friendship with the local

## Obama: Early to mull more troops in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says he needs to see how fast Afghanistan can be stabilized and led toward a more democratic government before deciding whether more troops are needed.

In an interview with Newsweek magazine, Obama said the hardest thing he has had to do so far in his administration was to order 17,000 troops to Afghanistan on top of those already there.

He did not rule out the possibility of sending even more troops, while stressing such a decision was premature.

From The Associated Press

people," Afghan army Capt. Mubarak Shah said.

Faced with the growing insurgency, President Barack Obama has ordered a total of 21,000 additional troops to join the fight in the hope of reversing the militants' gains.

One of the first units to deploy to southern Afghanistan assumed control Saturday of aviation operations at Kandahar Airfield, a statement from the NATO-led force said.

The 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division was the first to arrive as part of the surge of troops ordered to Afghanistan by Obama earlier this year.

The new troops will bolster the record 38,000 American forces already in the country.

Associated Press writer Fisnik Abrashi reported from Kabul.



NANCY MONTGOMERY/Stars and Stripes

**Servicemembers will call the newly constructed barracks at FOB Monti home for the next year.**

## Strategy: 'Corruption is all over the place'

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So awful, he said, that when the police chief learned that he was being removed for corruption, he vowed to kill the U.S. Army captain.

And when police clear poppy fields, "It's all for show," said the captain, who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

"They'll do one field where they haven't been paid off. Or they go with a stick and they just whisk the top off the bulbs. It's like cutting off the heads of tulips."

"Corruption is all over the place."

### Stay and fight

At FOB Fortress, a weekly ba-

zaar was just shutting down. Sgt. Joseph Ferry had bought some trinkets for his girlfriend. He said he tries to buy something every week to help out the local economy.

But, as the FOB mayor, he had to ban the hookah sales.

"We didn't want to tempt the soldiers," he said.

Ferry was deployed to FOB Fortress once before and was returned there by design. "It's nice because we already know the area," Ferry said. "We interact with the locals very well."

The soldiers had recently reinstalled windows in a girls' school, he said, after a rocket attack.

Savusa gathered soldiers around the base's 105 mm howitzer, which had been fired 2,348

times in the last few months. He emphasized the importance of showing the Afghans respect.

"We're not stopping civilian vehicles from passing our convoys. Let the people go through," he said. "Don't (push) vehicles off the road. When that happens, we just send out a message: We are here to occupy your country."

"We're not here to do that. We're here to help. We're not going to leave until their government tells us to do so."

Then he offered a pep talk. "Down south, they fight and run," he said of insurgents. "Here, they tend to stay and fight. And that's OK. You were trained to do that as well."

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## Patrol: Looking for balance

PATROL, FROM PAGE 5

Then things turned complicated.

The patrol prepared to again cross a busy road at the end of the mission just meters away from their base. A soldier sent to stop traffic saw that a certain vehicle appeared not to be stopping. So he fired a rifle shot into the car's grill.

The car, still some distance away, came to a screeching halt.

Baez approached. The driver was unhurt. Even the radiator seemed OK.

Baez asked through an interpreter why the man hadn't stopped when he saw the soldier in the road waving his arms. Confusion, the Afghan man replied.

Apologies and handshakes were exchanged, and the man drove off.

Next up, his soldiers. Baez reassured them that their actions had been correct, it was proper to fire, they must not hesitate to protect themselves. "You did the right thing," he said. "You stopped the vehicle. ... Our lives have been in danger three times. Three times we fired. Today was day three."

But after the soldiers scattered, Baez confided, "This is a nightmare for me."

He wondered why he hadn't seen a tracer round and hoped to God the bullet hadn't ricocheted.

Baez, whose squad had been on more than 250 patrols since arriving in December, and who had himself been on three mis-

sions that day, was looking at a long night, with reams of paperwork. He was looking at having to explain to superiors why one of his soldiers fired on a car.

The incident illustrates the tension for sergeants to somehow find the right balance between counter-insurgency techniques designed to respect and protect Afghans, while also ensuring that their own troops are not unnecessarily endangered — and while performing patrols the way they've been taught, single file, spaced apart.

Soldiers now coming into Afghanistan are counseled repeatedly to act less like occupiers and more like respectful guests. Don't force vehicles off the road, they're told. Allow vehicles to pass your convoys. Don't knock men's turbans off their heads.

Sometimes it sounds easier than it is, and troops feel caught in-between.

"This isn't a war," said one. "It's PR central."

When Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa, the top enlisted soldier in Afghanistan, heard about the squad's eventful foot patrol, he was not a happy man. In fact, he put his face in his hands and shook his head.

"We don't shoot at vehicles," Savusa said. "Yes, they're supposed to defend themselves if threatened. But crossing the street? You stand and wait. Find a crosswalk. Present yourself like you are here to help."

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# Pakistan: More than 1,000 militants killed

By ASIF SHAHZAD  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A Pakistani military offensive against Taliban fighters near the Afghan border has killed more than 1,000 suspected insurgents and "will continue till the last Taliban are flushed out," a top official said Sunday.

Interior Minister Rehman Malik, speaking after visiting Pakistanis displaced by the battle, also wouldn't rule out extending the operation in the Swat Valley and surrounding areas to other parts of the northwest where al-Qaida and the Taliban have long thrived.

It was not possible to independently verify the figures provided by Malik because the territories bombarded over the past three weeks are too dangerous for journalists to freely roam. An army statement Sunday afternoon said 25 militants and a soldier had died in the previous 24 hours of the operation, and that security forces had surrounded and entered two key towns in Swat.

Malik's comments appeared designed to show resolve amid intense U.S. pressure on Islamabad to clear al-Qaida and Taliban havens along the border region, strongholds that threaten Afghan-based U.S. and NATO troops and nuclear-armed Pakistan itself.

"The operation is going in the right direction as we had planned," Malik said in a televised news conference from Mardan, a district hosting several relief camps for some of the nearly 1 million people turned refugees. "People wish to go back. That is what the government also wants. I cannot give a time but we will try [to complete the operation] at the earliest."

The Taliban's ability to overrun Swat, once of Pakistan's premier tourist destinations, had proved particularly embarrassing to the Pakistani military and the weak civilian government.

Many of the main militant safe havens, however,

are in Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal areas, with South Waziristan serving as the primary base for Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud.

Britain's Sunday Times reported that Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said military action would follow in the tribal belt.

"We're going to go into Waziristan, all these regions, with army operations," the newspaper quoted Zardari as saying in an interview. "Swat is just the start. It's a larger war to fight."

Zardari's spokesmen could not immediately be reached Sunday. Malik did not respond directly when asked about a potential extension.

"Wherever the government requires an operation, we will, God willing, do that," he said.

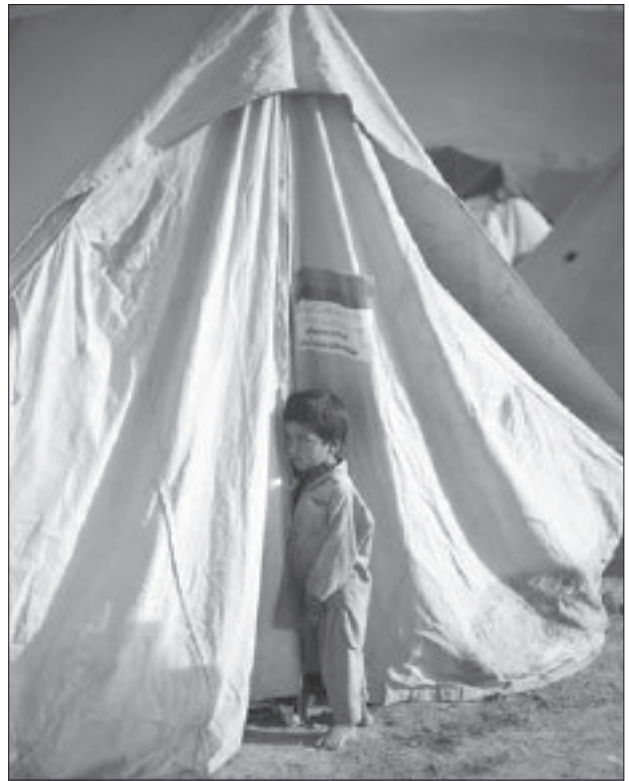
The operation has involved fighting in the Lower Dir and Buner districts that dates back to last month, but the offensive began in full force in Swat in May.

Of the nearly 1 million civilians who have fled the affected areas, about 100,000 are now staying in relief camps. The military has warned that some militants are trying to flee as well, some after shaving off their beards to blend in with refugees.

The army statement Sunday said security forces were battling militants on the outskirts of Swat's main town, Mingora, where many of the estimated 4,000 Taliban fighters in the valley are believed to be holed up.

It said security forces had surrounded and entered the towns of Matta and Kanju to take on the militants, and it requested civilians still in those areas to stay away from the Taliban hide-outs. It also said troops were making gains in the remote Piochar area, the rear base of Swat Taliban leader Maulana Fazlullah.

The military does not explain how it differentiates civilian from militant killings, and it has not released a civilian death toll, but witnesses have reported many innocent people have been wounded or killed.



GREG BAKER/AP

A boy stands at the entrance of a tent at a refugee camp in Sangjani, outside Islamabad, Pakistan, on Sunday.

## Iraqi leaders question decision on abuse photos

McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD — As President Barack Obama argues that releasing photos of U.S. soldiers abusing detainees could incite violence against American troops abroad, one prominent Iraqi leader called for their publication while others cast doubt on the U.S. administration's dire warnings.

Far from dominating the news the way it did in Washington on Wednesday, the photo controversy has attracted almost no attention from Iraqi news media. Even in Baghdad neighborhoods known as insurgent hotbeds, residents reacted to news of the photos with a collective shrug.

Mohammed al-Darraj, 32, who lives in Sadr City, the sprawling, impoverished Shiite Muslim neighborhood that saw some of the bloodiest clashes between local militias and U.S. forces, was unfazed.

Al-Darraj didn't know there were more pictures of abuse by U.S. soldiers at the Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad until a reporter told him on Friday, and he doubted that their release would lead to more attacks.

"Nothing would happen," he said. "This is a very old issue, and we Iraqis have seen much worse than just photos."

Dozens of Sadr City residents were killed by a spate of bombings in public markets just last

month.

Harith al-Obaidi, the head of the largest Sunni Muslim bloc in Iraq's parliament and the deputy chairman of the Committee on Human Rights, also shrugged off the Obama administration's concerns over the photos.

Al-Obaidi called on Obama to release the photos and hold any perpetrators of abuse publicly accountable.

Keeping the pictures secret will only bolster suspicions that the American government is trying to suppress evidence of more widespread abuse, he said.

The desire to protect U.S. soldiers should be weighed against the need to show the world that America doesn't condone such behavior by its troops, al-Obaidi said.

On Wednesday, Obama reversed himself on an earlier promise to release the photos.

He said he had changed his mind after seeing them and after hearing from military commanders that the photos would inflame passions in Iraq and Afghanistan, putting American soldiers at greater risk.

"The publication of these photos would not add any additional benefit to our understanding of what was carried out in the past by a small number of individuals," the president said at a White House briefing.



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President Barack Obama speaking during a White House briefing last week

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## Car bomb kills police officer near governor's home in Mosul

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A car bomb went off Sunday near the governor's residence in the turbulent northern city of Mosul, killing a policeman and wounding three civilians, hours after a lone gunman shot dead a prison officer in the city center, according to police officials.

It was not immediately clear whether Atheel al-Nujefi, governor of Ninevah province, was the target of the bomb.

He was not at his residence in the Dawasa neighborhood at the time of the blast, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to share the information with the media.

The bomb was in a car parked about 100 yards away from his home, suggesting it was meant to be detonated when the governor's convoy drove past, a tactic widely

used by Iraqi insurgents.

The officials said a policeman was killed in the blast and three civilians were wounded.

Earlier Sunday, a gunman killed an off-duty prison officer in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. A police statement said the victim was a 1st lieutenant in his 20s who served at Badoosh prison on the city's outskirts. The gunman got out of a car, opened fire on the officer and then fled, it said.

The statement from the provincial police command did not give a motive for the shooting.

Some 2,000 Kurds, meanwhile, staged a demonstration in Sheekhan, an area about 30 miles east of Mosul, to demand its annexation to the self-ruled Kurdish region. Sheekhan has a Kurdish majority.

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## IN THE STATES

# Abducted boy is reunited with mother in California

## 3-year-old found roaming streets in Mexico town

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
The Associated Press

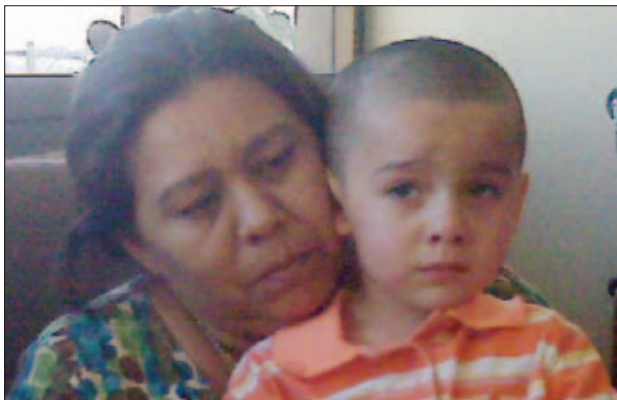
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A 3-year-old boy kidnapped nearly two weeks ago was in good spirits after he was found in Mexico and reunited with his mother, the sheriff said.

The boy, Briant Rodriguez, underwent physical and emotional evaluations at a local hospital Saturday after returning from the Mexican border town of Mexicali, where he was found wandering the streets. He was expected to return home after the checkup.

The reunion earlier in the day between Briant and his mother, Maria Rosalina Millan, ended an ordeal that began May 3 when two armed men who burst into his family's San Bernardino home and tied up his family, authorities said.

"I've been doing this for 30 years. I'm not saying it doesn't happen ... but the odds of finding him safe and alive — the odds of finding him alive — went down every day," San Bernardino County Sheriff Rod Hoops said. "Our detectives never gave up."

Mother and son were brought together Saturday in Calexico, Calif., a day after Mexican authorities told their U.S. counterparts they'd found a boy who could be Briant in neighboring Mexicali, sheriff's Lt. Rick Ellis said.



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/AP

**Briant Rodriguez, 3, was reunited Saturday with his mother, Maria Rosalina Millan, in Calexico, Calif. The boy was abducted from his home in San Bernardino nearly two weeks ago.**

Ellis said a municipal police officer in Mexicali found the boy wandering the streets by himself late Thursday.

The officer initially thought the child was from the neighborhood and took him to several houses seeking his family before leaving him in child protective custody, Ellis said.

Hoops did not know how long Briant had been left alone in Mexicali, but said he appeared unharmed and was in good spirits. His long curly locks had been

shaved off.

Hoops said authorities believed they were closing in on at least two men suspected in the abduction when the boy was found.

"We identified some suspects," he said. "I can't specifically say if the suspects let him go or if he wandered away, but I have to think the suspects let him go."

Millan said two men burst into her modest, home east of Los Angeles on May 3, tied up the family, stole money and other property then left with her youngest child.



MATT YORK/AP

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents search a tractor trailer headed for Mexico on May 4 in Nogales, Ariz.**

## Mexico border initiative yields cash, few guns

The Associated Press

NOGALES, Ariz. — Hawks circle above the lines of traffic at the hot, arid border crossing into Mexico. Sagebrush catches clothes tossed by fence climbers. Three curious, dusty horses watch the federal agents tapping on car windows, opening trunks, looking for contraband.

"We're sucking up a lot of exhaust out here," supervisory Customs and Border Protection officer Edith Serrano said, shrugging in her uniform.

President Barack Obama this spring promised his Mexican counterpart, Felipe Calderon, that the United States would fight two of the biggest contributions U.S. residents make to the drug cartels Calderon has vowed to eradicate: cash and weapons, the latter hard to come by in Mexico.

For the past five weeks, hundreds of agents participating in a newly intensified \$95 million outbound inspection program have been stepping into southbound traffic lanes, stopping suspicious-looking cars and trucks.

The Associated Press fanned out to the busiest crossings along the Mexican border — San Diego, Nogales, El Paso and Laredo — to see how effective the inspections are.

The findings? Wads of U.S. cur-

rency headed for Mexico, wedged into car doors, stuffed under mattresses, taped onto torsos, were sniffed out by dogs, seized by agents and locked away for possible investigations. No guns were found as the reporters watched; they rarely are.

"I do not believe we can even make a dent in [southbound smuggling] because that assumes the cartels are complete idiots, which they're not. Why in the world would they try to smuggle weapons and currency through a checkpoint when there are so many other options?" said Border Patrol Agent T.J. Bonner, president of the agents' union.

According to CBP, between March 12 and April 30 officers seized:

■ Fifty-one pieces of ammunition, weapons parts and guns, a fraction of the 2,000 weapons the Mexican government estimates are smuggled south every day.

■ \$12 million in cash, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the \$17 billion to \$39 billion the U.S. Justice Department estimates is illegally sent to Mexico annually, but more than the \$10 million seized in outbound checks in 2008.

■ Sixty-one people on charges involving weapons or currency offenses and on outstanding warrants.

## More Hubble repairs completed

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Spacewalkers' specially designed tools couldn't dislodge a balky bolt interfering with repairs Sunday at the Hubble Space Telescope. So they took an approach more familiar to people putting around down on Earth: brute force.

And it worked. But it set spacewalkers so far behind that they couldn't get all their tasks done.

Atlantis astronaut Michael Massimino couldn't remove one bolt attaching a hand rail to the outside of a scientific instrument he needed to fix. The rail had to be removed or at least bent out of the way.

That was only the beginning of a hard-luck day. The balky bolt and other tiny problems put spacewalkers

so far behind schedule that they had to abandon the second part of their spacewalk: replacing some worn insulation on the telescope.

Still, the marathon spacewalk by Massimino and Michael Good took so long — just more than eight hours — that it was the sixth longest U.S. spacewalk and a few minutes longer than the one Friday.

Three of the four Hubble spacewalks so far this mission have been delayed by niggling problems, like stubborn bolts and objects that wouldn't fit. A fifth and final spacewalk is set for Monday.

Astronauts John Grunsfeld and Andrew Feustel will not only pick up some of their work Monday, but they will be the last people to touch the 19-year-old observatory. On Tuesday, Atlantis will release Hubble.

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# Obama speech greeted by cheers, protests

## President calls for 'fair-minded words' during Notre Dame commencement address

By JULIE PACE

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — President Barack Obama strode head-on Sunday into the stormy abortion debate and told graduates at America's leading Roman Catholic university that both sides must stop demonizing one another.

Obama acknowledged that "no matter how much we want to fudge it ... the fact is that at some level, the views of the two camps are irreconcilable." But he still implored the University of Notre Dame's graduating class and all in the U.S. to stop "reducing those with differing views to caricature. Open hearts. Open minds. Fair-minded words. It's a way of life that always has been the Notre Dame tradition."

One of the noisiest controversies of his young presidency flared after Obama, who supports abortion rights but says the procedure should be rare, was invited to speak at the school and receive an honorary degree. "I do not suggest that the debate surrounding abortion can or should go away," the president said.

The Rev. John Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, introduced Obama and praised the president for not being "someone who stops talking to those who disagree with him." Jenkins said too little attention has been paid to Obama's decision to speak at an institution that opposes his abortion policy.

Ahead of Obama's speech, at least 27 people were arrested on trespassing charges from protests outside the university, police said.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

More than half held signs, some declaring "Shame on Notre Dame" and "Stop Abortion Now" to express their anger over Notre Dame's invitation to Obama, saying the university had lost touch with its Catholic roots.

On campus, Obama entered the arena to thunderous applause and a standing ovation from many in the crowd of 12,000. But as the president began his commencement address, at least three protesters interrupted it. One yelled, "Stop killing our children."

The graduates responded by chanting "Yes we can," the slogan that became synonymous with Obama's presidential campaign. Obama seemed unfazed, saying Americans must be able to deal with things that make them

"uncomfortable."

The president ceded no ground on abortion. But he said those on each side of the debate "can still agree that this is a heart-wrenching decision for any woman to make, with both moral and spiritual dimensions."

On the Notre Dame campus, members of an abortion rights group also protested while a

plane pulling an anti-abortion banner circled above. Tara Makowski of Seattle, who received a master's degree Saturday from the school, said she was dismayed by the way Notre Dame was being characterized.

"Seeing us being portrayed nationally as radical conservative has been really tough," she said. "People need to realize that the

majority of students and faculty" favored Obama's visit.

Obama was the ninth president to receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame and sixth sitting president to address graduates. Other commencement speakers have included Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.



ERIC Y. EXIT/AP

Above: An unidentified woman protesting President Barack Obama giving the commencement address at the University of Notre Dame is arrested in South Bend, Ind., on Sunday. Left: Obama receives an honorary degree during commencement exercises at Notre Dame.

## 800 first responders stage disaster drill in New York

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 800 first responders have staged a disaster drill at the World Trade Center PATH station.

The mock explosion happened Sunday morning in the PATH tunnel linking lower Manhattan to New Jersey. Hundreds of firefighters, police officers and members of other New York City agencies took part in the drill.

They secured the scene and

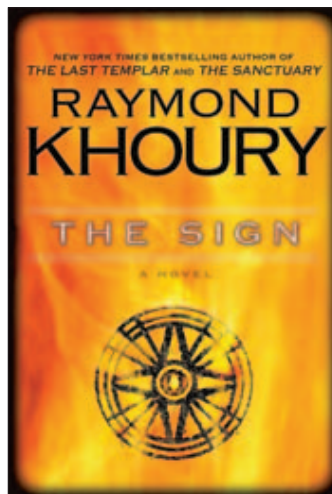
then brought the pretend victims out of the tunnel.

The 150 volunteers playing victims wore makeup simulating blood and grime.

Officials bought TV ads and plastered train stations with posters to warn downtown residents of the drill. There haven't been as many responders at ground zero since the Sept. 11 attacks.

PATH rail service was suspended Sunday morning during the drill.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Swine flu cases surge in Japan

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese health officials confirmed dozens of new cases of swine flu in waves of announcements Sunday, as the government shut down schools and canceled community activities in affected cities.

Japan now has at least 78 cases, most of them teenagers.

Health officials confirmed some 70 domestic swine flu patients over the weekend. All tested positive for the H1N1 virus and were recovering in local hospitals or their homes.

Health and Welfare Ministry official Haruki Ogawa said the number could rise quickly with results on more viral sample tests imminently pending.

Hospitals have set up special "fever clinics" to separate possible swine flu carriers from other outpatients.

Local governments established hot lines to guide people with flu symptoms. Newspapers also published graphics explaining the proper ways to wash hands and gargle.

The news of the rapid spread of the virus at schools came a day after Japan confirmed its first domestic case of swine flu in another student in the western port city of Kobe, about 270 miles west of Tokyo. Japan's first cases were believed to have been contracted outside the country.

The government immediately ordered schools closed in the affected areas.

"We have not determined how the virus spread in the region,



Kyodo News/AP

**Spectators wear masks Sunday as precaution against swine flu while watching a soccer match in Niigata, northwestern Japan.**

and we are doing our best to track down the route of the infections and contain them," Chief Cabinet Secretary Takeo Kawamura said.

The swine flu epidemic is already expected to dominate the World Health Organization's annual meeting, a five-day event that begins Monday in Geneva and involves health officials from the agency's 193 member states.

As of Sunday, the swine flu virus — which WHO calls the A (H1N1) virus — has sickened at least 8,480 people in 39 countries, killing 75 of them, mostly in Mexico.

Spain and Britain have had the highest numbers of cases in Europe, reporting 103 and 101 cases respectively. Britain announced

14 new cases on Sunday — with 11 of those being transmitted in-country — people who had not traveled to Mexico or the United States but became infected from others who had the virus.

A pandemic could be triggered if the virus starts to be transmitted from person to person on a large scale outside the Americas, WHO experts have said. But it would have to jump among people outside schools, hospitals and other institutions that typically pass on such viruses quickly.

Chile, meanwhile, reported its first case of swine flu, a 32-year-old woman who had just arrived from the Dominican Republic. All passengers on the same Copa Air-

lines flight with her were being told to voluntarily stay at home for a few days.

Three more New York City schools will close because of swine flu, bringing the current total to nine.

City health officials announced Sunday that two Queens public schools and one Catholic school would close Monday for up to five school days.

Each of the schools had students with flu-like illness last week.

Six schools were closed last week after hundreds of students became ill with suspected swine flu symptoms. An assistant principal at one school remained critically ill Sunday.

## Sri Lankan rebels lay down arms

By BHARATHA MALLWARACHI  
The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The Tamil Tiger rebels admitted defeat in their 25-year-old war with the Sri Lankan government Sunday, offering to lay down their guns as government forces swept across their last strongholds in the northeast.

The government rejected the last-ditch call for a cease-fire, saying the thousands of civilians trapped in the war zone all have escaped to safety and there was no longer any reason to stop the battle. The military said the remaining guerrillas were still fighting.

With a war that has killed more than 70,000 people nearing its end, Sri Lankans poured into the streets in spontaneous celebration. President Mahinda Rajapaksa scheduled a nationally televised news conference for Tuesday morning at Parliament, where he was expected to tell the nation the war was over.

The fate of the Tamil Tigers' top commanders remained unclear, including the whereabouts of the elusive rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

A senior military official said troops found the bodies of several rebel fighters who had committed suicide Sunday when troops surrounded them. The bodies were suspected of being Prabhakaran and his deputies, but the military was still trying to confirm their identities, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"This battle has reached its bitter end," rebel official Selvarasa Pathmanathan said in a statement.

"It is our people who are dying now from bombs, shells, illness and hunger. We cannot permit any more harm to befall them. We remain with one last choice — to remove the last weak excuse of the enemy for killing our people. We have decided to silence our guns."

Military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said the rebels had not laid down their weapons.

"Fighting is still going on in small pockets," he said.

With most journalists and aid workers barred from the war zone, it was not possible to verify the accounts of either side.

Troops on Sunday killed at least 70 rebels trying to escape the 0.4-square mile patch of land that government troops have surrounded, the military said.

Thousands of Sri Lankans danced, set off fireworks and beat on drums in celebration Sunday after Rajapaksa made an initial declaration of victory. "We are celebrating a victory against terrorism," said Sajeewa Anthonis, a 32-year-old street hawk.

"We're relieved to hear that all civilians have come out of the combat zone," U.N. spokesman Gordon Weiss said.

## Kuwait elects first women in historic parliamentary vote

By DIANA ELIAS  
The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwaitis elected female parliament members for the first time and rejected a number of Islamic fundamentalist candidates in a weekend vote that many hoped would bring stability to the country's rocky political scene.

Women gained the right to vote and run for office in 2005 but failed in two previous elections to win seats in the 50-member parliament. Four women were elected in Saturday's vote, according to official results read out by judges on state-owned TV on Sunday.

Kuwait has led the region in giving its people democratic rights. It has an elected parliament that wields considerable power, but the Cabinet is still chosen and led by a ruling family that holds ultimate power.

Radical religious politicians have fought against extending political rights to women. And at the same time, they have pushed for full implementation of Islamic law, or Shari'ah, in the oil-rich U.S. ally.

"This is a message that the Kuwaiti society has started to move away from such movements that are based on hatred," said political commentator Sami al-Nisf.

Many voters also said they were tired of

years of political upheaval sparked by parliament's frequent attacks on Cabinet members, which often lead to attempts to impeach ministers.

Saturday's election was the outcome of one such confrontation, which prompted Kuwait's ruler, or emir, to dissolve parliament and call the vote, the second time that has happened in a year.

"Frustration with the past two parliaments pushed voters to seek change. And here it comes in the form of this sweeping victory for women," said one of the women elected, Masouma al-Mubarak, who was also the country's first female Cabinet minister.

Her supporters celebrated with fireworks and drove her home in a motorcade of honking cars like Kuwaitis normally do after weddings.

The 62-year-old political science teacher, who once complained that she could not vote while her male students could, scored the most votes in her district.

All of the female winners have Ph.D.s from the United States.

Among them is economist and women's rights activist Rola Dashti, who battled in court for political rights for Kuwaiti women years before the legislature approved the suffrage bill.



GUSTAVO FERRARI/AP

**Newly elected parliament member Aseel al-Awadhi celebrates her victory with supporters at her campaign headquarters in Kuwait City on Sunday.**

The other two women are education professor Salwa al-Jassar and philosophy professor Aseel al-Awadhi.

Newspaper columnist Al-Nisf said the win by female candidates was an achievement to be proud of not only in Kuwait but around the region.

"They made it without organized political parties supporting them or a quota system. This is a huge leap forward for Kuwait's democracy," he said.



## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS



# In the hands of a doula

By CHARLIE REED  
Stars and Stripes

BUCKDEN, England — Beth Lukawski has spent months preparing to give birth without her husband, though the idea hasn't gotten any easier to bear over time.

"I think I'm in denial that this is going to happen," said Lukawski, 35, an Air Force spouse who is weeks away from delivering her second child while her husband, Capt. Michael Lukawski, is deployed to Afghanistan. "As it gets closer, I'm more nervous."

Along with raising their 7-year-old daughter on her own for the past few months, Lukawski was also diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes a few months ago, which makes her pregnancy "high risk." The combination has left Lukawski in need of some help.

Enter Caryn Volcheck, a fellow Air Force wife who is trained as a doula.

Derived from the Greek word for a "woman of service," doulas provide emotional, physical and informational support for women before, during and after child-

birth. From massages during labor to help with breast-feeding afterward, doulas offer a range of non-clinical services.

"We're not advocates, we help empower and support women during childbirth," said Volcheck, who delivered her last child with the help of a doula and her husband.

"It was wonderful. I knew she was totally 100 percent committed to me and the birth, and that she wasn't going to leave and there wasn't going to be a shift change," Volcheck said. "I knew she had my back. And she knew I didn't want drugs and helped me stick to that plan. It also took some of the pressure off my husband so he could do things like go to the bathroom without feeling guilty."

Doulas typically develop a birthing plan with expectant mothers to gauge the little details that they can help control.

Volcheck, a 39-year-old mother of seven, has been helping Lukawski prepare for the upcoming birth and will be with her every step of the way on the big day.

"I want her experience to guide me," said Lukawski, who had never heard of a doula before meeting Volcheck last fall.

Lukawski has one special request: she wants her newborn to be washed of the amniotic fluid and blood before she is placed on her breast.

"It's my job to say 'Let's clean up the baby.' If I know something is important to her, I'm going to do my best to make it happen," said Volcheck, who spent a few hours with Lukawski last week developing a birthing plan. During the session, Volcheck also gave Lukawski an inflatable exercise ball and showed her some movements to help stay comfortable and reposition the baby, who is now in the breech position.

Lukawski was referred to a British hospital because of the complication with her diabetes. It's just another atypical circumstance that has added to the anxiety of delivering without her husband by her side.

Lukawski said she is relying on Volcheck's "calming presence" to help get her get through it. Medical conditions prohibit her own mother from coming to England to assist her, and though she considered going back to the U.S. to give birth she didn't want to upset her daughter's schedule, already thrown out of whack with her father away.

With two wars and a variety of missions

For more on Operation Special Delivery, go to [www.operationspecialdelivery.com](http://www.operationspecialdelivery.com)

that require troops to leave their families for extended periods, Lukawski's predicament is not uncommon in military communities around the world.

In fact it's exactly what's driving Volcheck to host a doula workshop in July. Though the process to become a certified doula takes a few years, women — and even men — can undergo the training and begin assisting with child births immediately.

"It's frustrating to know that these poor women went through this without someone," said Volcheck, who has assisted with three births as an official doula and eight others before she became certified.

Volcheck is also affiliated with Operation Special Delivery, a program geared for enlisted families that provides doulas for expectant mothers whose husbands are deployed.

"When you're overseas that comfort is really needed when you're giving birth, especially being away from family and your security net," said Angela Torres, a doula based at Heidelberg, Germany. "And many mothers are so young that having a doula really helps alleviate some of the fear they have going it to it."

Dr. (Maj.) Ngozi Wexler, an ob-gyn, at the hospital at RAF Lakenheath, England, said doulas are helpful during delivery, particularly in cases where husbands are absent.

"It's always a positive thing to have as much support as you can," said Wexler. "Doulas do a great job of adding to what nurses provide medically."

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in becoming a doula?  
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Left: Doula Caryn Volcheck demonstrates positions on an exercise ball for expectant mom Beth Lukawski. The moves are geared for comfort and to help reposition the baby, which is now in the breech position.

CHARLIE REED/Stars and Stripes

## TOP 5 healthy foods sneaking calories into your diet

By LAURA CASEY  
Contra Costa Times (MCT)

As we head into the warmer months, it's time to kick back in the yard with a book and an ice-cold glass of water. It's also time for skimpier clothing, which means it's calorie counting time.

Thankfully, foods like salads and granola bars are good for us, right? Not so fast. We talked with dietitian Nora Norback, who works out of Kaiser Permanente Richmond (Calif.) Medical Center, about some treats that pack a caloric punch.

**1. Smoothies:** A fruit smoothie ordered at a smoothie shop may sound healthy, but Norback warns that you could be overloading yourself with sugar. Plus, most people who order smoothies order too large a serving size.

**Better choice:** A homemade fruit smoothie with 1½ cups of mango, 1 cup of fat-free milk and 1 cup of fat-free vanilla yogurt.

**2. Granola bars:** Granola bars are "essentially cookies."

**Better choice:** You can have your "cookie," but you should also have it with a glass of regular or soy milk or an ounce of cheese for a breakfast on the go. This will keep you from being hungry later.

**3. Muffins:** "Muffins are loaded with fat and sugar and most of them are too big," says Norback.

**Better choice:** Split a muffin or eat a whole wheat English muffin.

**4. Prepared salads:** A store-bought prepared egg salad can have sinful amounts of mayo in it while a macaroni salad can be packed with empty calories.

**Better choice:** Make your own salad with whole grain rice and pastas and throw in some extra veggies like peppers and celery.

**5. Fat-free frozen yogurt:** A fat-free dessert, especially a dense, heavy frozen yogurt, can have about 13 to 21 grams of sugar per ½-cup serving.

**Better choice:** Fat-free desserts that are the best are ones that are airy and icy, such as Popsicles.

Source: [caloriecount.about.com](http://caloriecount.about.com), [nutritiondata.com](http://nutritiondata.com)

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# Education

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## FACES

## Butler charged in paparazzo scuffle

Los Angeles city prosecutors have charged actor Gerard Butler with misdemeanor battery in connection with a scuffle with a paparazzo. Records show prosecutors filed the charge in a Hollywood courthouse on Wednesday. Los Angeles City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan says Butler faces up to six months in jail if convicted.

Mateljan says Butler had a run-in with a photographer early on Oct. 7 in Hollywood after leaving a premiere party for the film "RocknRolla."

Butler's attorney, Blair Berk, says the actor is not required to — and won't — appear in court on the charge.

Butler is perhaps best-known for his role in 2006's hit "300," and starred in "RocknRolla."

## Conrad's 'Laguna Beach' rival heads to 'The Hills'

Lauren Conrad's "Laguna Beach" nemesis is heading for "The Hills."

Now that Conrad has left the hit MTV

reality series, Kristin Cavallari is taking her place.

MTV publicist Emily Yeomans confirms Cavallari will replace Conrad on the show. The season-five finale on May 31 marks Cavallari's "Hills" debut.

The 22-year-old aspiring actress caught the bouquet at the April 25 wedding of the series' duo, Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt. The event was filmed by MTV.

Cavallari became a celebrity in 2004 when MTV tracked her high school love life and rivalry with Conrad on the reality show "Laguna Beach."

On the Net: [www.mtv.com/ontv/dyn/](http://www.mtv.com/ontv/dyn/)



OUT: Conrad



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## 'Angels &amp; Demons' actor slams Brown's writing

Actor Stellan Skarsgard says he's no big fan of Dan Brown's writing and accepted a role in "Angels & Demons" only after reading the script based on Brown's book.

"I think Dan Brown is a terribly bad writer, but he has cliffhangers after every chapter which makes you continue reading," Skarsgard told Swedish broadcaster SVT. "It's like eating peanuts at a bar. You don't like them, but you keep on eating them anyway," he said.

The Swedish actor, who plays the head of the Pope's Swiss guard in the movie, said director Ron Howard's script was significantly different from the book.

Tom Hanks returns in the lead role as Harvard professor Robert Langdon in "Angels & Demons," a sequel to the "The Da Vinci Code" — also based on Brown's novel with the same name. It will be shown around the world starting Friday.



AP

Actor Gerard Butler was charged with misdemeanor battery by Los Angeles prosecutors after he apparently had a run-in with a photographer.

"Angels & Demons" is better than the first film, Skarsgard said in the interview aired late Wednesday, because "the story is more simple and straightforward but just as dramatic."

## BET AWARD NOMS



AP

Singer Keri Hilson, left, and rapper Pharrell attend the 2009 BET award nominee announcements at BET Studios in New York earlier this month. Stars Beyonce and T.I. lead nominations for the BET Awards with five each. They are closely followed by Lil' Wayne, T-Pain and Hilson, who each have four. Other multiple nominees include Jennifer Hudson, Jazmine Sullivan, Kanye West and Keyshia Cole. Jamie Foxx will host the June 28 extravaganza.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



## Jen hearts New York

She may be without a life partner, but Jennifer Aniston always has New York to love. Aniston, who is in town to shoot her new comedy, "The Baster," tells USA Today that shooting back in her hometown is the bees' knees. "I always love being in the city. Seeing people I haven't seen. Being part of the season. Feeling spring and getting excited about the warm weather. Making eye contact with as many people as you possibly can before you're not allowed to anymore," she says.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

The things you'll do for a movie  
Weisz juggles, unicycles and raps through flick

Rachel Weisz greatly expanded her list of useful talents for the con man romp "The Brothers Bloom."

The Academy Award winner for "The Constant Gardener" plays a rich recluse with lots of time to fill, a woman who loads up on every hobby and talent imaginable.

"I had to learn to look like I could play violin, piano, banjo, guitar. Unicycle, juggle. I had to learn to do a card trick, a really complicated one. That was me doing that card trick, it was one shot. Rap, skateboard, Pingpong. It was a lot of stuff," Weisz said in an interview at last September's Toronto International Film Festival, where "The Brothers Bloom" premiered.

"I had two weeks to learn all the hobbies, apart from the card trick, and that was a month that I had to practice every single day."

In "The Brothers Bloom," which opened in stateside theaters on May 15, she also shows off a blithe and bonny side audiences do not necessarily associate with Weisz, whose supporting-actress Oscar came for a sobering role as an activist murdered amid corruption in the pharmaceutical industry.

Weisz's Penelope Stamp is a lonely heiress longing for adventure and finding it in the company of the Bloom siblings (Adrien Brody and Mark Ruffalo), con men who take her on a globe-trotting journey and discover their latest mark is more baggage than they bargained for.

"What comes across here that we maybe have not seen in some of her other movies is the lighter, more childlike side of Rachel," Ruffalo said. "She's a little gullible. She has this childlike wonder at times with the way she listens to you."

A comic tale with serious undertones, "The Brothers Bloom" is laced with



Summit Entertainment

Rachel Weisz stars in "Brothers Bloom." She said she had to look like she could play violin and banjo, ride a unicycle and juggle for the movie.

Next up for Weisz is Alejandro Amenabar's "Agora," a saga set in ancient Egypt that premiered at the Cannes Film Festival.

Late this year, Weisz stars in "Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson's "The Lovely Bones," adapted from the novel about a slain girl watching over her family from the afterlife.

Weisz, 38, who starred with Brendan Fraser in the first two movies of "The Mummy" franchise, turned down a chance to reprise the role in last year's third installment. Having just shot "The Brothers Bloom" in Eastern Europe, Weisz said she could not take on another long location shoot given that she and fiancé Darren Aronofsky had an infant son.

After starring in Aronofsky's 2006 sci-fi romance "The Fountain," Weisz said she hopes to work again with her fiancé, who also directed last year's "The Wrestler."

— David Germain/  
The Associated Press

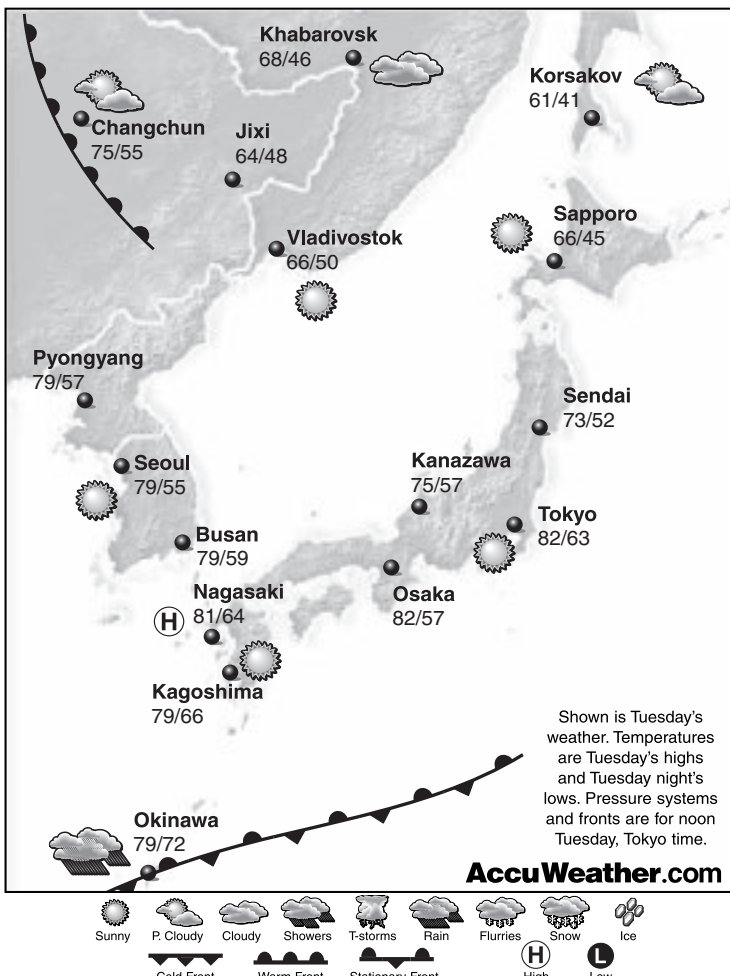
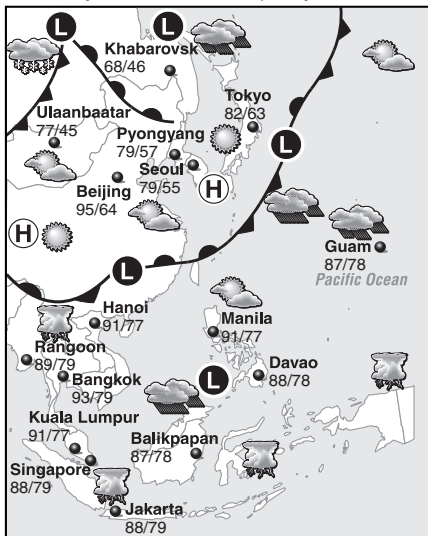




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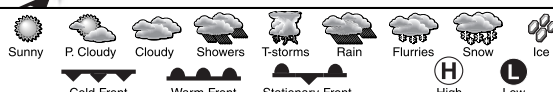
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Naha	2:56 a.m.	9:13 a.m.	3:01 p.m.	9:11 p.m.
Hachinohe	10:30 a.m.	5:18 a.m.	11:28 p.m.	4:43 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
Onju Island/Sogwipo	6:06 a.m.	1:10 p.m.	7:06 p.m.	none
Kunsan	10:52 a.m.	5:06 a.m.	11:44 p.m.	6:03 p.m.
<b>Guam</b>				
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<b>Wednesday</b>				
<b>Japan</b>				
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Hachinohe	12:18 p.m.	6:13 a.m.	11:59 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
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Kunsan	12:00 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	none	7:05 p.m.
<b>Guam</b>				
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Shown is Tuesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday's highs and Tuesday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Tuesday, Tokyo time.

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## CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	59	36	PCldy
Edmonton	61	40	Shw
Halifax	54	38	Sun
Iqaluit	36	27	Snow
Montreal	61	37	Cldy
Ottawa	55	35	Cldy
Quebec	52	32	Cldy
Regina	63	46	PCldy
Toronto	59	42	Cldy
Vancouver	59	48	Rain
Whitehorse	61	34	Sun
Windsor	67	50	Tstm
Winnipeg	52	39	PCldy
Yellowknife	47	26	Sun

## EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	64	54	Shw
Baghdad	73	65	Shw
Belgrade	91	64	PCldy
Berlin	70	52	PCldy
Brussels	66	46	Shw
Dublin	55	45	Rain
Glasgow	56	48	Rain
Lisbon	72	55	Sun
London	61	51	Shw
Madrid	86	52	Sun
Moscow	74	49	Sun
Paris	61	56	PCldy
Rome	80	58	Sun
Warsaw	66	50	Shw

## MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	83	66	PCldy
Baghdad	110	75	Sun
Cairo	93	66	Sun
Dhahran	103	79	Sun
Islamabad	116	79	PCldy
Incirlik	97	70	Sun
Kabul	82	57	PCldy
Kandahar	106	65	Sun
Karachi	102	82	Sun
Kuwait	109	86	Sun
Mazar-e-Sharif	97	70	PCldy
Tehran	83	65	Sun
Tel Aviv	79	65	Sun
Zahedan	88	64	Sun

## AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	89	74	Sun
Algiers	88	68	PCldy
Cape Town	70	52	Sun
Durban	77	69	Sun
Freetown	73	59	Sun
Kano	91	74	Sun
Khartoum	103	72	PCldy
Kisangani	114	79	Sun
Luanda	90	71	PCldy
Malekai	86	75	Sun
Magadishu	100	73	Sun
Tabora	85	64	Sun
Timbuktu	114	77	Sun

## LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	79	PCldy
Bogota	65	48	Shw
Buenos Aires	66	53	PCldy
Cancun	87	62	PCldy
Havana	83	68	Rain
Kingston	85	78	Shw
Lima	77	62	Sun
Mexico City	71	46	PCldy
Nassau	83	75	Tstm
Puerto Plata	87	76	PCldy
Rio de Janeiro	75	66	Sun
Santiago	72	45	Sun
Santo Domingo	83	73	Rain
San Jose	76	68	Rain

## ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	60	47	Sun
Colombo	85	77	Rain
Darwin	87	72	Rain
Dhaka	90	75	Tstm
Hong Kong	86	77	Tstm
Kathmandu	93	68	Tstm
Melbourne	66	46	PCldy
Mumbai	91	82	Sun
New Delhi	108	86	Sun
Phnom Penh	93	79	Tstm
Shanghai	79	63	PCldy
Sydney	68	55	Shw
Taipei	83	76	Rain
Xining	75	48	Sun

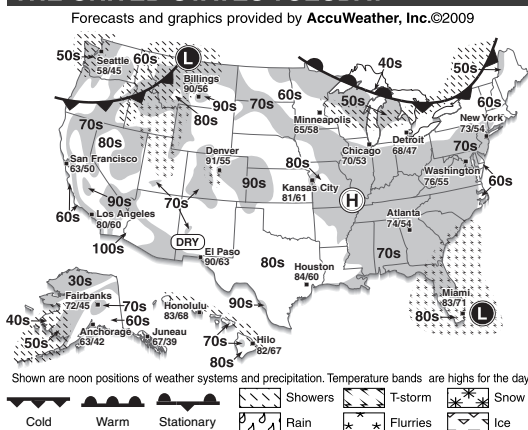
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City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	80	57	Sun
Akron, OH	69	50	PCldy
Albany, NY	68	47	Sun
Albuquerque	87	59	PCldy
Allentown, PA	87	54	Sun
Amarillo	87	54	Sun
Anchorage	63	42	Sun
Asheville	72	46	Sun
Atlanta	74	54	Sun
Atlantic City	72	48	Sun
Austin	84	52	Sun
Baltimore	74	50	Sun
Baton Rouge	81	53	Sun
Bills	90	56	PCldy
Birmingham	76	54	Sun
Bismarck	73	51	PCldy
Boise	86	49	PCldy
Boston	68	50	Sun
Bridgeport	67	51	Sun
Brownsville	88	63	Sun
Buffalo	63	44	Tstm
Burlington	69	44	PCldy
Caribou, ME	65	32	PCldy
Casper	90	52	PCldy
Charleston, SC	73	60	Shw
Charlottesville	78	44	Sun
Charlotte, NC	72	50	Sun
Chattanooga	78	51	Sun
Cheyenne	84	51	PCldy
Chicago	70	53	Tstm
Cincinnati	77	50	Sun
Cleveland	68	49	PCldy

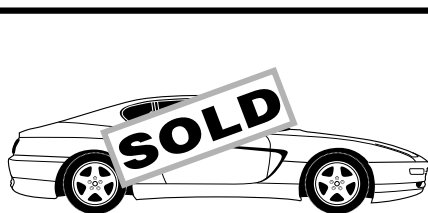
## THE UNITED STATES TUESDAY

City	Hi	Lo	W
New Orleans	80	62	Sun
New York City	73	54	Sun
Newark	73	53	Sun
Norfolk	68	53	Sun
North Platte	89	58	PCldy
Oklahoma City	80	55	Sun
Omaha	87	62	Sun
Orlando	77	68	Tstm
Paducah	78	50	Sun
Pendleton	72	42	PCldy
Peoria	76	54	Sun
Philadelphia	74	52	Sun
Phoenix	103	78	PCldy
Pittsburgh	74	47	Sun
Pocatello	83	49	Tstm
Portland, ME	65	41	Sun
Portland, OR	61	45	Cldy
Providence	69	48	Sun
Pueblo	93	55	PCldy
Raleigh	74	52	Sun
Rapid City	84	55	PCldy
Reno	84	52	PCldy
Richmond	74	47	Sun
Roanoke	76	47	Sun
Rochester	64	41	Tstm
Rockford	70	51	Tstm
Sacramento	81	53	PCldy
St. Louis	81	58	Sun
St. Thomas	84	77	Rain
Salem, OR	60	40	Cldy
Salt Lake City	90	60	PCldy
San Angelo	84	54	Sun

## THE UNITED STATES TUESDAY



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Focus on safety, not stigmas

Regarding the April 10 letter "Abortion is not good sense" and the April 14 letter "Can't make the assumption": Abortions are going to continue to happen, and it does not matter if the practice is legal or not. The difference is that women with the price of a plane ticket to where abortion is legal will pay for the ticket and get it done safely, and women who have to rely on whomever they can find to do it will get it done without any safety.

If you are against abortion, then don't have one, but don't assume that your version of your religion is going to change my right to choose. I remember the damage that was done with botched abortions and women relying on bad advice to try to abort themselves. I remember the stigma of the "homes for unwed mothers." I remember when birth control was unavailable to unmarried women, and that never stopped anyone from having sex. I also remember the suicides because of unwanted pregnancies and the devastation that caused to all who were close to those people.

The decision really is to make it safe or unsafe, because no matter what you think

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or feel about abortion, it is still going to happen.

Joan Haugsness  
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

## Shooting victim will be missed

Regarding "Victims of fatal shootings at Camp Liberty stress center mourned" (article, May 15): When Keith Springle (Cmdr. Charles K. Springle) was stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan, I worked there, too. Keith always gave extra to his patients and their families. He also knew how to live life to the fullest.

A few of us would get together once a month and play cards. Keith usually won. We shot hoops at Thew Gym. We all hung out at command parties.

Keith loved Carolina "beach music" and would request a song by Clarence Carter or some other bluesy soul artist. Every time I hear that particular type of R&B, I think of Keith and his wife: a beautiful family, and a compassionate, funny and generous man who cared for and about his patients.

This tragedy is not just a loss to our Navy and Marine Corps; this is a loss to the best of our humanity.

Bill Doughty  
Makalapa, Hawaii

## Put experimental cures into the mix

BY DEROY MURDOCK

Federal approval of new drugs usually triggers jubilant stories about the masses that compound will rescue from premature death. Seldom seen, however, are those who die waiting for pharmaceuticals to authorize fresh cures.

Honor student and homeless-shelter volunteer Abigail Burroughs was diagnosed with head and neck cancer. After she could not join a clinical trial, the Food and Drug Administration stymied a seven-month effort by Burroughs, her parents, and her doctor to secure Erbitux, which could have helped. Instead, she died in November 2000 at age 21.

"When access to the most innovative drugs is denied, patients suffer and die," says Bart Madden. "The result is an invisible graveyard of enormous size." Madden, a policy adviser to Chicago's free-market Heartland Institute, promotes Free-to-Choose Medicine, a common-sense reform that could stop thousands of preventable deaths annually among the terminally ill and comfort potentially millions more who experience serious ailments.

Madden outlined this concept on April 25 at a Los Angeles meeting of the Atlas Economic Research Foundation, with which I am a senior fellow:

■ Under physicians' supervision, seriously ill patients could take experimental pharmaceuticals that had survived Phase I FDA safety tests. Once ruled safe, patients and doctors could determine drugs' effectiveness, rather than wait years for the FDA to make that judgment.

■ Patients and doctors could consult a Tradeoff Evaluation Database, independent of FDA. Test results from others using such medicines would foster informed decisions based on observed risks and rewards of not-yet-approved therapies.

■ Pharmaceutical firms would enjoy significant protection from litigious patients dissatisfied with investigational drugs.

This policy would reduce the staggering numbers of sick people who silently expire while enduring FDA intransigence. Between June 2004, when the pro-reform Abigail Alliance championed Tykerb's approval and the FDA's March 2007 endorsement of this breast-cancer treatment, almost 28,000 women died waiting — about equal to 18 sinkings of the Titanic. Tykerb could have added eight months to these women's lives. As Abigail Alliance activists Ronald Trowbridge and Steven Walker wrote in The Wall Street Journal, "Long enough, perhaps, to see a child graduate from college or get married, or to meet a new grandchild."

In 2007, the FDA ordered three more years of tests on Provenge, a promising prostate cancer remedy. Prostate cancer kills some 28,600 American men annually. Even if FDA approves Provenge next year, 85,980 American men will have died without being permitted to try it — roughly 30 times the body count on Sept. 11, 2001.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Rep. Diane Watson, D-Calif. — the oddest pair of political bedfellows alive — want to stop this madness. Their Access Act would accelerate Free-to-Choose Medicine. Con-

gress should pass it with all deliberate speed.

Alas, that is not soon enough for Anna Tomalis. The soccer-loving Maryland seventh-grader fought soft-tissue sarcoma. A trial treatment called Deforolimus offered her some hope. But the FDA decided clinical-study patients for this drug had to be at least 13. Anna, then 12 and a half, sought special permission to join the test. By the time FDA granted her exemption, she was too sick to benefit. She died on Aug. 15.

This concept would shield people like Abigail Burroughs and Anna Tomalis who pass away because federal functionaries protect them to death from drugs deemed more dangerous than the lethal maladies that finally kill them.

"Every American has the right to medical self-defense," says Scott Riccio, founder of Accelerate Progress, which promotes Free-to-Choose Medicine. "If an attacker breaks into your house, you have the right to defend yourself by whatever means necessary. But if cancer invades your body, we allow a faceless, distant bureaucracy to say, 'No, no. You may not use this drug to fight for your life.' How bizarre."

The ultimate beauty of this life-saving idea is that it also simply, elegantly and inexpensively expands individual freedom and personal sovereignty: See your doctor. Then, if you choose to take an experimental drug, do so. If not, don't.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Pelosi told her story, and it reads like fiction

By JACK KELLY

It's been fascinating to watch perhaps-to-be-former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., dig her political grave.

The first rule of holes is that when you find yourself in one, stop digging. But for her press conference Thursday, Pelosi rented a steam shovel.

The speaker has been in the forefront of those Democrats in Congress who want to prosecute former Justice Department lawyers who said certain "enhanced interrogation techniques" used on al-Qaida bigwigs were legal. But the CIA released a memo indicating she and a member of her staff had been briefed on these techniques in 2002 and 2003, and she raised no objection to them at the time.

After this memo was made public, the thing for Pelosi to do was to quietly let the matter drop. If there is nothing you can say to make yourself look better, keep your mouth shut.

But instead Pelosi has made a series of statements describing what she knew when, each different from the one before, each more outlandish than its predecessor. "Her lies are so transparent birds are slamming into them," said Fox News commentator Andy Levy.

Thursday's press conference was a gasp-inducing exercise in self-immolation. Pelosi accused the CIA of lying to her. "They misled us all the time," she said of the CIA's relationship with Congress.

Alas for San Fran Nan, no other member of Congress was willing to back her up.

When Norah O'Donnell of MSNBC asked Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, a fellow Democrat, about that quote, he

laughed out loud. "On that specific point, I totally disagree," he said. "Over the 20 years I've been here, I've been briefed constantly by the CIA and I'd say they've told me the truth, as they see it."

When asked about Pelosi's charge, her deputy, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said: "I don't have a belief of that nature. ... I don't draw that conclusion."

I suspect that in private, Hoyer is enjoying watching Pelosi self-destruct. The two are not close. They ran against each other for speaker after the Democrats took control of the House in 2006, and Pelosi then opposed Hoyer's election as majority leader. She preferred Rep. Jack Murtha, D-Pa.

But Hoyer and White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel are tight as ticks. There is little doubt Emanuel would prefer to have Hoyer running the House. Pelosi's awareness of this may account for her foolishness in holding the news conference, her nervousness during it, and her [effusive praise] of President Barack Obama at an unrelated news conference earlier.

The president can't be happy about Pelosi's ever-shifting stories, because they cast a poor light on his decision to make public explicit details of the CIA's interrogation techniques, and because they put more pressure on him to make public the memoranda former Vice President Dick Cheney says document the effectiveness of those techniques.

On the other hand, Obama has to be grateful the news media are focusing on Pelosi's credibility rather than on his abrupt change of position about making public photographs of the abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, or on



trying some of the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay by military commissions.

A sign Pelosi is about to be thrown under the bus could be if more Democrats support an Ethics Committee investigation of Murtha, whose financial dealings with the defense lobbying firm PMA have attracted the attention of the FBI. It would go easier with the moonbats if Pelosi were dumped for condoning corruption than for her hypocrisy on "torture."

In the meantime, Pelosi's charge the CIA has deliberately misled Congress is

serious and will have to be investigated. This elevates and prolongs the "torture" debate, and does so in a way that makes the credibility of Pelosi the central issue. This is not what Democrats intended when they began their witch hunt.

"The witch hunt has caught the witch," one wag said.

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## Lawyers weren't setting policy, just interpreting it

By KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON

It is supremely surreal to find oneself sipping sparkling water in a sunny hotel courtyard, dispassionately discussing the legalities of torture.

Yet, there we were, an attorney and I, poring over memos about waterboarding as if they were weekend real estate ads. Three bedrooms, two baths, no more than 40 seconds without breathing, fenced yard, a flexible false wall for "walling."

The moment was both ironic and grotesque — a clown's nose on civilization.

Our purpose was to examine the memos in the context of the growing drumbeat for "justice" aimed at federal judge Jay Bybee and law professor John Yoo, both attorneys who interpreted the law to allow waterboarding among other interrogation techniques. In the weeks since President Barack Obama released the so-called "torture memos," both men have been demonized for expressing a now-unpopular legal opinion. Depending on the outcome of an investigation pending in the Justice Department, the men could face sanctions or, in the case of Bybee, impeachment.

When did we start punishing lawyers for producing opinions with which we disagree? And where does that road lead?

It is easy now to declare that waterboarding is torture. I personally would agree, but then, I have a low tolerance for the sensation of drowning and the perception of imminent death. ...

Fortunately, the CIA did not consult me when it needed information from al-Qaida leader Abu Zubaydah six months after the Sept. 11 attacks. Instead, the agency asked government attorneys to interpret whether 10 interrogation techniques, including waterboarding, would violate the 1994 statute prohibiting torture. Keep in mind: Terror-

ist chatter at the time was comparable to pre-9/11 levels. And the CIA had determined that Abu Zubaydah had crucial information about another attack.

Bybee and Yoo didn't have much to go on since no court had ever interpreted the statute, but the law is fairly specific. It defines torture as inflicting pain that is "difficult to endure" and that is "equivalent in intensity to the pain accompanying serious physical injury, such as organ failure, impairment of bodily function, or even death." Contrary to what I and others previously have written, the memos did not conclude that techniques could only be torture if they cause "death, organ failure, or serious impairment of bodily functions." That would have left open the possibility for a range of clearly unacceptable abuses. Consider this a correction.

Whether one agrees with the Bybee-Yoo interpretation is a difference of opinion, but nothing more. Any fair assessment

has to include consideration of context and distinctions that matter, including the definition of waterboarding, which varies according to country and century.

I have no interest in defending one against the other, but there are significant differences between what the Japanese did during World War II, for example, and what was authorized by the U.S. government.

The Japanese forced water into the prisoner's nose and mouth. In our version, the mouth and nose are covered with a cloth that is saturated with water for no more than 40 seconds in a controlled manner. No water enters the lungs. Moreover, the same technique is used to train our own military personnel, who do not suffer severe physical pain or prolonged mental harm.

Thus, the attorneys deduced that waterboarding, though extremely unpleasant, wasn't torture. It was never up to the attorneys to express an opinion about whether waterboarding was good policy. Their only

role was to interpret the law in good faith.

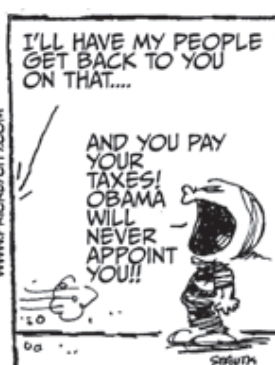
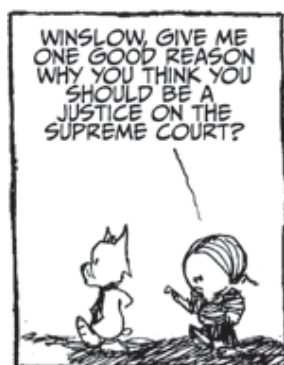
Even if Bybee and Yoo were wrong, their error doesn't rise to the level of an ethical offense, much less a war crime. Under the Justice Department's own standards, an ethical issue would arise only if their opinion was so obviously wrong that no reasonable lawyer could possibly reach the same conclusion. By that standard, the only obvious wrong is the continued persecution of Jay Bybee and John Yoo. ...

In testimony Wednesday before a Senate judiciary subcommittee, law professor Michael Paulsen (University of St. Thomas) predicted that "presidents and administrations of both parties will not obtain candid, vigorous legal advice reflecting the full range of views, on sensitive matters of war, foreign affairs and national security."

America's enemies could hope for no more.

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## Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS



## Historic newspaper latest to fold

**AZ** TUCSON — Arizona's oldest continuously published daily newspaper, the 138-year-old Tucson Citizen, published its final print edition after its owner failed to find a buyer.

The closure makes Tucson the latest two-newspaper town to lose one of its dailies. The Citizen published in the afternoon while the Arizona Daily Star has appeared mornings. Both papers have a joint operating agreement.

Gannett, the largest newspaper publisher in the country, announced in January that it would close the Citizen if it didn't find a buyer for certain assets by March 21.

## Ex-astronaut will not seek insanity defense

**FL** ORLANDO — A former astronaut accused of driving 1,000 miles to confront a romantic rival has withdrawn a notice that she would seek an insanity defense.

Lisa Nowak had filed the notice last year to preserve the option of using an insanity defense but a spokeswoman for Nowak's attorney, Donald Lykkebak, said Thursday that it is no longer under consideration.

Nowak was accused of confronting her romantic rival, Colleen Shipman, in the parking lot of the Orlando International Airport in February 2007 after driving from Houston.

Shipman's boyfriend was former space shuttle pilot Bill Oefelein.

## Wal-Mart plan rejected over environment impact

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A San Bernardino Superior Court judge rebuffed Wal-Mart's plan for a supercenter in the desert city of Yucca Valley, partly on the grounds that the giant retailer failed to take measures to reduce its impact on global warming.

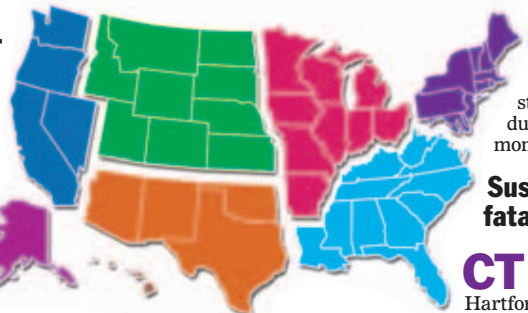
Environmentalists had been pressuring Wal-Mart to install solar panels to provide electricity for its proposed 184,000-square-foot store. But the retailer said the estimated 7,000 metric tons per year of planet-heating greenhouse gases that would result from the store's operation was too insignificant to require such measures under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Judge Barry Plotkin, relying on contrary evidence from state air quality officials, found otherwise, in a case that signals a growing legal consensus that climate change must be considered by businesses and governments promoting new developments.

## State to cut program for pregnant womens' care

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Nearly 30 pregnant women who cannot afford health insurance would lose state funding under a cost-cutting proposal from Gov. Don Carcieri.

The Carcieri administration says the proposal would save near-



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ly \$235,000.

The Providence Journal says the proposal would affect a class of 28 women who cannot otherwise afford health insurance and are enrolled in the state's "payor of last resort" program.

That program allows women between 250 and 350 percent of the federal poverty limit to pay about \$300 a month for Medicaid in exchange for coverage of all prenatal and postpartum care.

## Couple travels from London to U.S. to buy a cat

**MI** HARRISON — A British couple traveled nearly 4,000 miles to adopt "Sparky," a black-and-white kitten in central Michigan.

Rose and Chris Rasmussen discovered Sparky on Petfinder.com last year and decided to adopt him.

The couple traveled from their suburban London home to the Clare County Animal Shelter in Harrison, where the kitten was an unofficial mascot. They could have had Sparky shipped, but instead decided to make the trip.

After paperwork, quarantine and other final checks, the Rasmussens were to take Sparky to his new home.

Volunteer Betty Beadle told a local newspaper, The Morning Sun



## It's all about the hat

Wayne County Republican Bud Frankenthaler wears his elephant hat during the Georgia Republican Convention held at The International Trade and Convention Center in Savannah, Ga.

of Mount Pleasant, that Sparky likes to explore and twice destroyed Christmas trees during his roughly nine-month stay at the shelter.

## Suspect arrested in fatal hit-and-run

**CT** HARTFORD — Connecticut police say a Hartford man has confessed to driving the car in a hit-and-run accident last year that sparked outrage because surveillance video showed people ignoring the elderly victim.

Luis Negron, 33, of Hartford, was arrested on a first-degree manslaughter charge.

The May 2008 accident left Angel Arce Torres paralyzed and mute. He died last week at the age of 79 after relatives gave approval to take him off life support.

## Thousand of homes damaged in April rains

**TX** HOUSTON — The count of Houston-area homes flooded during heavy rains in late April totaled about 2,300, among the highest totals since 73,000 homes were damaged by Tropical Storm Allison in 2001.

More than 11 inches of rain fell in some areas of Houston on April 27 and 28.

Heather Saucier, a spokeswoman for the Harris County flood control district, said more than half of the flooded houses weren't in a mapped flood plain. She said that was a reminder that every property owner in the county is at risk for flooding, the Houston Chronicle reported.

## Teen: Cops shouldn't have used stun gun

**VT** BURLINGTON — A 15-year-old Burlington boy says police went too far in using a stun gun on him.

Cody Francis says he shouldn't have been drinking alcohol at Leddy Beach and admits he yelled and cursed at police officers. Cody and his grandmother, Pauline Francis, contend Sgt. Dennis Duffy used excessive force to subdue the 135-pound teen.

In sworn statements, police say the boy delivered a knee more than once to an officer. They say he also screamed threats and had a handcuff on just a single wrist.

An officer said the teen's blood-alcohol content was .159 percent.

## City pulls the plug on cheap ferry service

**HI** HONOLULU — Hawaii's cheapest cruise is coming to an end.

TheBoat commuter ferry service will cease operations at the end of June, Mayor Mufi Hannemann announced.

The commuter ferry had carried 110,000 passengers since its launch, including many families and tourists who sometimes took the two-hour round-trip just to get out on the water.

For others it was a daily sunrise commute with a ride across a shimmering ocean.

The rush-hour service between Aloha Tower Marketplace on the edge of downtown Honolulu and the industrial area of Kalaeloa in West Oahu cost just \$2.



**Who are you calling old?** Max, a 2-year-old border collie, catches a flying disc after he jumped off the back of owner Michael Ham of Brookline, Mass., while being videotaped for a television show for the Animal Planet channel in Acton, Mass. Ham has been training his dog to do the stunt for only a few weeks. The show is aimed at teaching old dogs new tricks, like fetching a brew from the fridge or helping a human land a date.



## No mere mortal can resist

College of William & Mary graduate student Kersey Sturdivant is dressed as a zombie as he dances to the Michael Jackson song "Thriller" at the college in Williamsburg, Va. The 242-person routine was organized by longtime Jackson fan Kevin Dua, who was notified by Guinness World Records that he had set the world record for most people to dance to "Thriller" simultaneously in one place.





## Beauty in the Bronx

A commuter walks past a stained-glass window at the 233rd Street station in the Bronx, N.Y.



## Fantastic facial hair

John Dahlen, back, Tim Slade, left, Jonathan Galin and Neal Haglund display their facial hair in Anchorage, Alaska. More than 200 people from 12 countries are competing in the 2009 World Beard and Moustache Championships hosted by the South Central Alaska Beard and Moustache Club.



## Out for a swim

A painted turtle swims in a pond in Billings, Mont. Painted turtles hibernate during the winter by burying themselves in the mud beneath streams and ponds, emerging in the spring.

## Body of boy found buried in playground sand

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Police in New Mexico are investigating the death of a young boy whose body was found buried in the sand of a public playground.

Albuquerque Police Chief Ray Schultz says the boy was found after a woman who took her children to the playground spotted a shoe in the sand. Investigators believe the dead boy is between 3 and 5 years old.

Schultz said at a news conference police have had no reports of missing children in the last day.

## Rapist's mom dies on day of his release

**FL** SANFORD — Willie Ruth Merthie, 58, said nothing as she sat near the back of the courtroom, listening as a psychiatrist told a judge that her son, a convicted child rapist, was much healthier psychologically.

A judge would set him free within the hour, but she never got word. She stepped out of the courtroom, sat down on a bench and collapsed. Rescuers were unable to revive her.

Kareem Merthie was a "Jimmy Ryce" offender, a sexual predator who had served his time but was then locked up in a state mental hospital because experts said he was still dangerous.

While in the hospital, he confessed to sexually abusing 20 children, according to court records.

## Tasers, tear gas a part of prison family day

**FL** TALLAHASSEE — Children held hands so 50,000 volts could pass through their fingers. Other children were dangerously close to breathing tear gas.

A total of 43 children were directly and indirectly shocked by electric stun guns during simultaneous "Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day" events gone wrong at three Florida state prisons last month. One was a warden's daughter.

The growing numbers, and the bizarre descriptions of kids being exposed to tear gas and shocked while holding hands in circles, were revealed during a news conference by the surprised chief of the Florida Department of Corrections chief.

Three prison guards have been fired, two have resigned and 16 others — from corrections officers to a warden — will be disciplined for what happened on April 23, Walter A. McNeil said.

None of the children required medical attention or was notably harmed, McNeil said. He said the victims, who ranged in age from 5 to 17, were all children of prison officials.

## Bodies of hikers found two weeks after swim

**AZ** GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK — The bodies of two hikers who attempted to swim across the Colorado River have been found two weeks after authorities recovered the body of a teen who was part of the group.

Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge

says the bodies of 16-year-old Saif Savaya and 22-year-old Joey Merrill were discovered by a private boating party and a commercial river operator.

## Tallest dog loses leg to bone cancer

**CA** GRASS VALLEY — The world's tallest dog is battling bone cancer that forced the amputation of one of his front legs.

Gibson stands 3½-feet tall at the shoulder and is listed in Guinness World Records. The black and white Great Dane from Grass Valley, Calif., stretches more than 7 feet tall when he stands on his hind legs.

Veterinarians found a tumor on Gibson's right front leg and had to amputate. The dog will also undergo chemotherapy. He is recuperating at home.

## Capitol visitor center has millionth visitor

**DC** WASHINGTON — The Capitol Visitor Center, criticized when it opened last December for costing more than double the original estimates, greeted its 1 millionth guest, doubling the past pace of visits to the Capitol.

Terrie S. Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services at the center, said the 1 million visitors who have passed through the three-story underground facility since it opened on Dec. 2 compares to 467,800 who toured the Capitol during the same five-month period a year ago.

## College graduates' employment rate sinks

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — New Temple University graduate Lauren Archut, still clad in her cap and gown and carrying a congratulatory bouquet, had one last stop to make before a celebratory dinner: the school's career center.

Archut, 24, was one of a handful of students to take advantage of the center's job search open house, just hours after several commencement speakers talked of the poor economy and difficult employment market for the Class of 2009.

A survey released earlier this month by the Pennsylvania-based National Association of Colleges and Employers showed just 19.7 percent of 2009 graduates who applied for jobs actually had them. Two years ago, that figure was 51 percent, the survey said.

Temple's own estimates for this year's class mirror the survey findings of about 20 percent, Brown said.

## Town to police chief: Quit or be demoted

**TX** GEORGETOWN — City officials have placed Police Chief David Morgan on administrative leave but aren't saying why.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that Morgan, who has been chief for eight years, was told by city officials to resign or accept a demotion.

Assistant Police Chief Kevin Stofle will act as interim chief.

Stories and photos from wire services



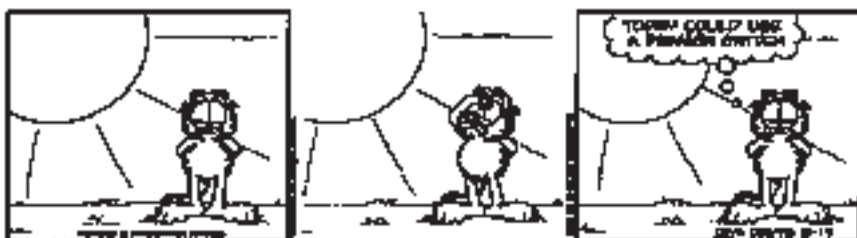




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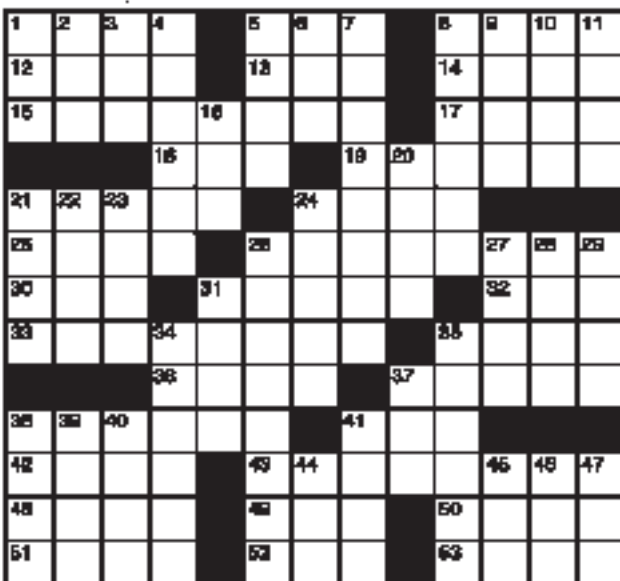
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Bottom or Warm



# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Polygraph finds
- 5 Jewel
- 6 Emotion, often
- 12 Against
- 13 Floral neckwear
- 14 Winter forecast
- 16 Yellowtail fish
- 17 Roll call reply
- 18 Hasten
- 19 Chest component
- 21 Fire
- 24 Bruin
- 26 Ripped
- 28 Fun-loving women of the 1920s
- 30 Common Mkt.
- 31 One-on-one exams
- 32 Compete
- 33 Coverings
- 35 Arizona city
- 36 Regier's pathway
- 37 Tallish group
- 38 Mexican writers
- 41 Cribbage scorer
- 42 PC symbol
- 43 They're catching
- 46 Eclectic
- 48 Changed bill
- 50 Nestbox of tennis lorn
- 51 Whatever's left over
- 52 Fox competitor

20 North Sea feeder

## DOWN

- 1 Part of UNLV
- 2 Hothead
- 3 Greek vowel
- 4 Gas thief's device
- 5 Merriment
- 6 Always, in verse
- 7 Slip-ups at the poker table
- 8 One of the black boys
- 9 From the beginning
- 10 Heart
- 11 Bead accessory
- 16 Trench
- 20 Knocks
- 21 Mulligan, e.g.
- 22 Gardener, at times
- 23 Killer whale
- 24 Boombax sound
- 26 Wild
- 27 Still
- 28 Get up
- 29 Cachet
- 31 October stone
- 34 Pluto, once
- 38 Hecke or Jackie
- 37 Energy
- 39 Layer
- 39 Farm fraction
- 40 Rolling stone's lack
- 41 Cookware
- 44 Plagiarize
- 45 Right angle
- 46 Cage component
- 47 Get a glimpse of

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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 EMPLOYEE IS VERY SKILLED AT WORKING  
 CHECKOUT, I GUESS HE IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals P







## AFRTS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	Survivor: Tocantins	Bob the Builder	Movie "The Reading Room" (2005, Drama) James Earl Jones, Joanna Cassidy.	State of the Union With John King	The View	(8:30) Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Mad About You	NBA Tip-Off	Sports
9:30		Hi-5		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Living Single	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
10:00		Peep-Big World				FNG Useful benefits.	Guiding Light		
10:30		Curious George	(:40) Movie "He Got Game" (1998, Drama)	Newsroom	Judge Alex	Week-Pentagon	E! News		
11:00	(:10) Survivor: Tocantins	Movie "The Land Before Time IV: Journey Through the Mists" (1996)	Denzel Washington, Ray Allen. A high-school basketball star faces his estranged father.	Huckabee	Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
11:30	This Week				Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "Mudd's Women"	SportsCenter	Sports
12:00		Dora the Explorer			Judge Judy	EXchange on Air			
12:30	Meet the Press	Blue's Clues	Movie "As Good as It Gets" (1997) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt. A mean-spirited New York author finds love with a waitress.	Larry King Live	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Reba		
13:00		Bear in House				Downrange	Girlfriends	SportsCenter	
13:30	Wall Street Jrnl	Sesame Street				FNG Useful benefits.	Emeril Live		
14:00	ESPNews					Recon			
14:30	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos		CNN Live	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Designers' Challenge	ATP Tennis Mutua Madrileña Masters Madrid -- Final.	Sports
15:00		Planet's Funniest Animals	(:20) Movie "Best in Show" (2000, Comedy) Michael Hitchcock, Parker Posey.	Week-Pentagon	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	The Soup		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		CBS Up to the Minute		Tour of Duty	Ice Road Truckers "The Final Run"	Sports	
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell				Week-Pentagon			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Entertainers	Face the Nation	Wheel of Fortune	VA News	King of the Hill		Sports
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja			Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	Newsroom	Wall Street Jrnl	EXchange on Air	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	SportsCenter	
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana			Around the Services	Army Newswatch	The Colbert Report		
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Naked Brothers Band	Movie "Flyboys" (2006, Historical Drama) James Franco, Martin Henderson. Americans volunteer for the French military in World War I.	60 Minutes	Survivor: Tocantins	Briefing Encore	Pushing Daisies "Oh Oh Oh... It's Magic"		WWE SmackDown!
19:30	Judge Judy	Suite Life of Zack & Cody				Fit For Duty	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Smallville "Exodus" (Part 2 of 2)		Today		Battleground	Stargate Atlantis "Harmony"		
20:30		Everybody Hates Chris				Recon			
21:00	General Hospital	The Cosby Show	(:40) Movie "Men of Honor" (2000) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr. The U.S. Navy's first black diver battles a crippling setback.	Today	(:10) Survivor: Tocantins	Week-Pentagon	Ghost Whisperer "Threshold"		The Contender
21:30		Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	The Grill Sergeants			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Dealership"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Chappelle's Show
22:30						Recon Revisited	Friends		The Man Show
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Sully's Recovery"		Newsroom	Today's Air Force	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Comedy Central Presents
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Premium Blend

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:55) Movie "Rocky" (1976, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. A heavyweight champ gives a club fighter a title shot.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	The Naked Brothers Band		Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds A serial killer preys on the elderly.	SportsCenter	
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Suite Life of Zack & Cody				Around the Services			
2:00	Survivor: Tocantins	Smallville "Exodus" (Part 2 of 2)	(:05) Movie "Flyboys" (2006, Historical Drama) James Franco, Martin Henderson, Jean Reno. Americans volunteer for the French military in World War I.	60 Minutes	CSI: Miami "Curse of the Coffin"	Downrange	NCIS "Family Secret"	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Toronto Blue Jays. From Rogers Centre in Toronto. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	WWE SmackDown!
2:30		Everybody Hates Chris		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	All Hands TV	Men in Trees "Sea Change"		
3:00		The Cosby Show				State Dept Briefing			
3:30	(:10) Survivor: Tocantins	Degrassi: Next Generation		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Dealership"		The Contender
4:00		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Around the Services	Friends		
4:30	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:45) Movie "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr. The U.S. Navy's first black diver battles a crippling setback.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Chappelle's Show
5:00	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Headline News	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	The Man Show
5:30		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	30-Minute Meals	Around the Horn	Comedy Central Presents
6:00						Around the Services	Good Eats	Pardon the Interruption	Premium Blend
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	Entertainers	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	Get Fresh With Sara Snow	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00		Blue's Clues		NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon	The Dan Ho Show		
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!	Entertainment Tonight	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	SportsCenter	Sports
8:00	Judge Judy	Super Why!		CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
8:30		Johnny and the Sprites	Movie "An Affair to Remember" (1957, Romance) Cary Grant. A sea cruise unites a playboy and an ex-nightclub singer.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You "The Award"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
9:00	CSI: Miami "Curse of the Coffin"	JoJo's Circus		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
9:30		Peep-Big World				Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Curious George		Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	AFN Europe Report			Sports
10:30						This Week in the Pentagon	E! News		
11:00	Dr. Phil	JoJo's Circus	(:10) Movie "Guarding Tess" (1994) Shirley MacLaine. An ambitious Secret Service man tends a former first lady.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Everybody Loves Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10	Inside the NBA	
11:30		Johnny and the Sprites			Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "What Are Little Girls Made Of?"		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Super Why!		Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Reba "The Housewarming"	ESPNNews	
12:30	ESPNews	Go, Diego, Go!		Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends	NBA Fastbreak	
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "Mary Reilly" (1996, Drama) Julia Roberts, John Malkovich, George Cole.			Downrange	Emeril Live	(:20) Baseball Tonight	
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House			General Hospital	AFN Europe Report		SportsCenter	Sports
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street				EXchange on Air			
14:30	World News-Gibson		(:45) Movie "Snow Falling on Cedars" (1999, Historical Drama) Ethan Hawke, James Cromwell, Richard Jenkins. A reporter covers a murder trial.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Curb Appeal		
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Nightly Business Report		Today's Air Force	Ice Road Truckers "Edge of the Earth"	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		Recon	King of the Hill		X Play
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell				Around the Services	That '70s Show		Futurama "Futurestock"
17:00	Dr. Phil	(:05) The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	The O'Reilly Factor	Wheel of Fortune	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Maltin's Secret's Out		Jeopardy!	The Colbert Report		NBA Fastbreak	Family Guy Meg's first kiss.
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	World News-Gibson	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars	(6:50) Baseball Tonight	WWE Monday Night Raw
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Today	Around the Services	Fit For Duty		SportsCenter	
19:00	Access Hollywood	iCarly	Movie "Date Movie" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell.		Heroes Sylar and Luke take a road trip to find Sylar's father.	Recon Revisited			
19:30	Judge Judy	Naturally, Sadie				AFN Europe Report	24 "Day 7: 6:00AM - 7:00AM; Day 7: 7:00AM - 8:00AM" Jack reaches his breaking point.		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Summerland "And So the Day Begins" (Part 2 of 2)		Today	Everybody Hates Chris	Battleground			
20:30		Everyday Hates Chris	(:40) Movie "The Mummy Returns" (2001, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. Two evil forces pursue the son of adventurer Rick O'Connell.		The Office	Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	The Cosby Show		America's Newsroom	Bones A shallow grave holds the remains of conjoined twins.	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Best Damn Sports Show Period
21:30		Degrassi: Next Generation			Pacific Report	USARJ This Week	Friends		
22:00	Days of our Lives	Strange Days-Blake Holsey		Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	The Corps Report	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees.	Attack of the Show!
22:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Ready or Not"	Movie "Enemy of the State" (1998, Action) Will Smith.		Late Show-Letterman				
23:30									

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Sports on AFN

**Tuesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-MLB:** Chicago White Sox at Toronto.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB:** Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees.  
**AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.-NHL** playoffs: Eastern Conference final, Carolina at Pittsburgh, Game 1.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB:** L.A. Angels at Seattle.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB:** Oakland at Tampa Bay (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.-NHL** playoffs: Eastern Conference final, Carolina at Pittsburgh, Game 1 (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, midnight-MLB:** Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees (dld).

**Wednesday**  
**AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.-NHL** playoffs: Western Conference final, Chicago at Detroit, Game 2.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.-NBA** playoffs: Western Conference final, Houston at Denver or Denver at L.A. Lakers, Game 1.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB:** San Francisco at San Diego.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-NHL** playoffs: Western Conference final, Chicago at Detroit, Game 2 (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.-NBA** playoffs: Western Conference final, Houston at Denver or Denver at L.A. Lakers, Game 1 (dld).

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High school

**Okinawa**  
**Girls soccer**  
**Sunday's summary**  
**Kadena 2, Yonsei 1**  
**At Kadena Air Base**  
**Halftime-1-1**  
**Goals-Kadena, Kristie Karibian 1 (17), Stephanie Mobley 1 (3). Assists-Kadena, Shari Moss 1, Tyler Arrieta 1.**

Tennis

**Madrid Open**  
**At Caja Magica**  
**Madrid**  
**Purse: Men, \$5.04 million (WT1000); Women, \$4.5 million (Premier)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Sunday**  
**Men**  
**Singles**  
**Final**  
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.  
**Women**  
**Singles**  
**Final**  
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, 6-2, 6-4.  
**Saturday**  
**Singles**  
**Men**  
**Semifinals**  
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (9).  
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.  
**Women**  
**Semifinals**  
Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Amelie Mauresmo, France, 7-6 (1), 6-3.  
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.

**Austrian Open**  
**At Mercedes-Benz Sportpark**  
**Kitzbuehel, Austria**  
**Purse: \$608,000**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Sunday**  
**First Round**  
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.  
Martin Vassallo Arguello (5), Argentina, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.

**ATP World Team Cup**  
**Sunday**  
**At Rochusclub**  
**Duesseldorf, Germany**  
**Purse: \$2.57 million**  
**(World Championship)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Red Group**  
**United States 1, Germany 0**  
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
**Sweden 1, France 1**  
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Andreas Vinciguerra, Sweden, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.  
Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Gilles Simon, France, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.  
**Blue Group**  
**Argentina 1, Serbia 0**  
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (8).  
**Italy 1, Russia 1**  
Evgeny Korolev, Russia, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.  
Simone Bolelli, Italy, def. Stanislav Vovk, Russia, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

College baseball

**Saturday's scores**  
**EAST**  
C.W. Post 12, Limestone 9  
Farmingdale 13, RPI 9  
Fordham 7, Temple 5  
Hofstra 3-8, Williams & Mary 0-2  
Manhattan 10, Iona 1  
Rider 6-7, St. Peter's 1-2  
**SOUTH**  
ETSU 14, Lipscomb 7  
Grand Valley St. 11, N. Kentucky 2  
James Madison 8, George Mason 6  
Murray St. 3, Austin Peay 2  
Tennessee 9, Vanderbilt 7, 10 innings  
**MIDWEST**  
Angelo St. 6, Cent. Missouri 3  
Cent. Missouri 14, Nebraska-Omaha 1  
Emporia St. 18, Nebraska-Omaha 8  
Mesa, Colo., 14, Wayne St., Neb. 7  
Nebraska 5, Baylor 0  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Ark.-Little Rock 6, Arkansas St. 3  
Mississippi 16, Arkansas 3  
Oklahoma St. 14, Texas Tech 5  
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 4, Sam Houston 2  
**FAR WEST**  
New Mexico 19, Air Force 6  
San Jose St. 4-5, Nevada 2-1

College lacrosse

**NCAA Men's Division I championship**  
**First Round**  
**Saturday, May 9**  
Johns Hopkins 12, Brown 11, OT  
North Carolina 15, UMBC 13  
Cornell 11, Hofstra 8  
Duke 14, Navy 5  
**Sunday, May 10**  
Maryland 7, Notre Dame 3  
Virginia 18, Villanova 6  
Princeton 10, Massachusetts 7  
Syracuse 11, Siena 4  
**Quarterfinals**  
**Saturday, May 16**  
**At Hempstead, N.Y.**  
Syracuse 11, Maryland 6  
Cornell 6, Princeton 4  
**Sunday, May 17**  
**At Annapolis, Md.**  
Virginia 19, Johns Hopkins 8  
Duke 12, North Carolina 11  
**At Gillette Stadium**  
**Foxborough, Mass.**  
**Semifinals**  
**Saturday, May 23**  
Virginia (15-2) vs. Cornell (12-3)  
Syracuse (14-2) vs. Duke (15-3)  
**Championship**  
**Monday, May 25**  
Semifinal winners

Boxing

**Fight schedule**  
**May 22**  
At Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Richard Gutierrez, Miami, vs. Antwone Smith, Miami, 10, welterweights.  
**May 23**  
At Monterrey, Mexico, Toshiaki Nishio, Japan, vs. Johnny Gonzalez, Mexico, 12, for Nishio's WBC junior featherweight title; Rafael Marquez, Mexico, vs. Jose Mendoza, Colombia, 10, featherweights.  
At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Jorge Linares, Japan, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA junior lightweight title; Jose Guadalupe Martinez, Mexico, vs. Oscar Saturnino, Mexico, 12, for Martinez's Mexican light flyweight title; Filomeno Jaramillo, Mexico, vs. Victor Terrazas, Mexico, 12, for the interim Mexican super bantamweight title.  
**May 26**  
At Shanghai, Daisuke Naito, Japan, vs. Xiong Zhao Zhong, China, 12, for Naito's WBC flyweight title.  
At TBA, Thailand, Denkaosen Kaowichit, Thailand, vs. Hiroyuki Hisatsaka, Japan, 12, for Kaowichit's WBA flyweight title.  
**May 30**  
At Hartwall Arena, Helsinki, Finland, Ruslan Chagaev, Germany, vs. Nikolai Valuev, Russia, 12, for Chagaev's WBA heavyweight title.

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College softball

**NCAA Division I regionals**  
**Double Elimination**  
**Saturday's scores**  
**Gainesville (Fla.) Regional**  
Florida 7, Texas A&M 1  
Lehigh 9, Florida A&M 0, 5 innings, Florida A&M eliminated  
Lehigh 3, Texas A&M 2, Texas A&M eliminated  
**Tallahassee (Fla.) Regional**  
California 2, Oklahoma State 0  
Florida State 5, Mississippi State 0, Mississippi State eliminated  
Oklahoma State 1, Florida State 0, Florida State eliminated  
**Louisville (Ky.) Regional**  
Arizona 18, Louisville 4, 5 innings  
Purdue 6, Tenn.-Martin 2, Tenn.-Martin eliminated  
Purdue 5, Louisville 4, Louisville eliminated  
**Stanford (Calif.) Regional**  
Stanford 9, Nevada 1, 5 innings  
Cal Poly 5, Portland State 0, Portland State eliminated  
Cal Poly 6, Nevada 1, Nevada eliminated  
**Ann Arbor (Mich.) Regional**  
Michigan 11, Miami (Ohio) 3  
Michigan 2, Notre Dame 1  
Miami (Ohio) 5, Cleveland State 4, Cleveland State eliminated  
Notre Dame 5, Miami (Ohio) 3, Miami (Ohio) eliminated  
**Waco (Texas) Regional**  
Texas State 1, Baylor 0  
La.-Lafayette 3, Northwestern 2, Northwestern eliminated  
**Knoxville (Tenn.) Regional**  
Tennessee 5, Nebraska 2  
Jacksonville State 6, James Madison 0, James Madison eliminated  
Nebraska (35-18) vs. Jacksonville State (39-13), ppd., rain  
**Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Regional**  
Alabama 10, Texas 1  
MVU 1, Chattanooga 0, Chattanooga eliminated  
**Amherst (Mass.) Regional**  
Washington 3, Massachusetts 1  
Sacred Heart 3, Cornell 1, Cornell eliminated  
Massachusetts 8, Sacred Heart 0, Sacred Heart eliminated  
**Atlanta Regional**  
Georgia Tech 4, Auburn 1  
Boston U. 3, Iowa 0, Iowa eliminated  
**Columbus (Ohio) Regional**  
Ohio State 7, Kentucky 2, Ohio State advances  
**Chapel Hill (N.C.) Regional**  
Georgia 4, North Carolina 2, Georgia advances  
**Norman (Okla.) Regional**  
North Dakota State 1, Oklahoma 0  
North Dakota State 3, Tulsa 2  
Oklahoma 21, Arkansas 2, Arkansas eliminated  
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma 3, Oklahoma eliminated  
**Tempe (Ariz.) Regional**  
LSU 10, Arizona State 2  
Cal State Fullerton 8, San Diego State 2  
Arizona State 7, Cal State Fullerton 0, Cal State Fullerton eliminated  
**Columbia (Mo.) Regional**  
Missouri 5, Illinois 1  
Missouri 2, Bradley 1  
DePaul 6, Illinois 0, Illinois eliminated  
DePaul 2, Bradley 1, Bradley eliminated  
**Los Angeles Regional**  
UCLA 4, Fresno State 2  
Long Beach State 3, UNLV 1, 13 innings, UNLV eliminated  
Fresno State 12, Long Beach State 2, Long Beach State eliminated  
**SUPER REGIONALS**  
**May 21-24**  
Ohio State (47-9) vs. Georgia (42-10) Gainesville Regional winner vs. Tallahassee Regional winner  
Louisville Regional winner vs. Stanford Regional winner  
Ann Arbor Regional winner vs. Waco Regional winner  
Knoxville Regional winner vs. Tuscaloosa Regional winner  
Amherst Regional winner vs. Atlanta Regional winner  
Norman Regional winner vs. Tempe Regional winner  
Columbia Regional winner vs. Los Angeles Regional winner

Auto racing

**NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race**  
**Saturday**  
**At Lowe's Motor Speedway**  
**Concord, N.C.**  
**Lap length: 1.5 miles**  
**Non-points race**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**  
1. (15) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 100 laps, 97.3 rating, 1,058,656.  
2. (3) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 100, 100.9, \$243,646.  
3. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 100, 107, \$148,646.  
4. (18) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 100, 68.4, \$108,621.  
5. (14) Carl Edwards, Ford, 100, 85.3, \$103,621.  
6. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 100, 92.9, \$98,621.  
7. (13) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 100, 107.9, \$118,471.  
8. (21) Joey Logano, Toyota, 100, 61.3, \$92,471.  
9. (20) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 100, 67.9, \$91,471.  
10. (4) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 100, 73.1, \$90,471.  
11. (7) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 100, 52.5, \$89,446.  
12. (17) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 100, 38.3, \$88,446.  
13. (1) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 100, 121, \$162,446.  
14. (8) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 100, 59, \$86,946.  
15. (9) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 100, 39.6, \$86,346.  
16. (19) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 100, 43.6, \$86,071.  
17. (10) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 100, 28.7, \$85,971.  
18. (12) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 93, 50.8, \$85,871.  
19. (6) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, accident, 92, 102.6, \$210,771.  
20. (16) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, engine, 85, 28.3, \$85,671.  
21. (11) Greg Biffle, Ford, accident, 71, 35.1, \$85,571.  
**Race Statistics**  
**Winner's Average Speed:** 99.137 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 1 hour, 30 minutes, 47 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** 0.971 seconds.  
**Caution Flags:** 7 for 9 laps.  
**Lead Changes:** 7 among 5 drivers.  
**Lap Leaders:** Johnson 1-50; Ky.Busch 51-80; J.Gordon 81-90; Ky.Busch 91; J.Gordon 92; Ky.Busch 93-94; M.Kenseth 95-98; T.Stewart 99-100.  
**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** J.Johnson, 1 time for 50 laps; Ky.Busch, 3 times for 33 laps; J.Gordon, 2 times for 11 laps; M.Kenseth, 1 time for 4 laps; T.Stewart, 1 time for 2 laps.  
**Top 12 in Points:** 1. J.Gordon, 1,601. 2. T.Stewart, 1,572. 3. Ku.Busch, 1,546. 4. J.Johnson, 1,465. 5. D.Hamlin, 1,445. 6. J.Burton, 1,384. 7. Ky.Busch, 1,380. 8. Newman, 1,363. 9. G.Biffle, 1,345. 10. M.Kenseth, 1,326. 11. M.Martin, 1,316. 12. C.Edwards, 1,271.

**BASEBALL**  
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**LOS ANGELES ANGELS**—Activated RHP John Lackey from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Bobby Wilson to Salt Lake (PCL).  
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**National League**  
**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Activated LHP Andrew Miller from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Brett Carroll to New Orleans (PCL).  
**NEW YORK METS**—Placed 1B Carlos Delgado on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 11. Recalled OF Angel Pagan from Buffalo (IL).  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Traded RHP Romulo Sanchez to the N.Y. Yankees for RHP Eric Hacker. Transferred LHP Phil Dumaitrait from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.  
**COLLEGE**  
**OKLAHOMA**—Announced the resignations of Jim Raga, men's golf coach, and Carol Ludvigson, women's golf coach.

Deals

**Saturday's transactions**  
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Pro soccer

**MLS**  
**Eastern Conference**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	3	0	6	15	16	11
D.C.	3	1	6	15	17	15
Kansas City	4	4	2	14	14	12
Toronto FC	3	3	4	13	13	15
New England	2	2	4	10	7	13
New York	2	5	3	9	10	12
Columbus	1	2	6	9	12	15

  
**Western Conference**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	7	1	2	23	14	5
Seattle	4	2	3	15	12	6
Colorado	3	2	3	12	11	9
Houston	3	2	3	12	8	6
Real Salt Lake	3	5	1	10	14	13
Los Angeles	1	1	7	10	11	11
San Jose	1	5	2	5	8	16
FC Dallas	1	6	2	5	8	16

  
**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**Saturday's games**  
Chicago 2, Toronto FC 0  
New England 1, Colorado 1, tie  
New York 1, Houston 1, tie  
FC Dallas 1, Seattle FC 1, tie  
Kansas City 2, Real Salt Lake 0  
Chivas USA 2, D.C. United 2, tie  
**Sunday's game**  
Los Angeles 1, Columbus 1, tie  
**Saturday, May 23**  
New England at Toronto FC  
Real Salt Lake at D.C. United  
CD Chivas USA at Kansas City  
Los Angeles at FC Dallas  
San Jose at Houston  
Seattle FC at Colorado

**Saturday**  
**United 2, Chivas 2**  
**D.C. United** 0 2-2  
**Chivas USA** 2 0-2  
**First half**—1, Chivas USA, Galindo 1, 25th minute. 2, Chivas USA, Lillingston 3 (Harris), 43rd.  
**Second half**—3, D.C. United, Emilio 5 (Quaranta), 77th. 4, D.C. United, Quaranta 1, 85th.  
**Goalies**—D.C. United, Louis Crayton; Chivas USA, Zach Thornton.  
A—16,223 (27,000).

**Wizards 2, Salt Lake 0**  
**Kansas City** 1 1-2  
**Real Salt Lake** 0 0-0  
**First half**—1, Kansas City, Wolff 5 (Jewsbury), 20th minute.  
**Second half**—2, Kansas City, Wolff 6 (Harrington), 67th.  
**Goalies**—Kansas City, Kevin Hartman; Real Salt Lake, Chris Seitz.  
A—19,340 (20,008).

**Sounders 1, FC Dallas 1**  
**Seattle FC** 1 0-1  
**FC Dallas** 1 0-1  
**First half**—1, Seattle FC, Hurtado 1 (Jaqua), 18th minute. 2, FC Dallas, Rocha 2 (Saragosa), 48th+.  
**Goalies**—Seattle FC, Kasey Keller; FC Dallas, Ray Burse.  
A—8,247 (21,193).

**Dynamo 1, Red Bulls 1**  
**Houston** 0 1-1  
**New York** 0 1-1  
**Second half**—1, Houston, Wondolowski 2 (Ashe, Davis), 78th minute. 2, New York, Wolyniec 1 (Hall), 88th.  
**Goalies**—Houston, Pat Onstad; New York, Jon Conway.  
A—14,647 (26,500).

**Rapids 1, Revolution 1**  
**Colorado** 1 0-1  
**New England** 1 0-1  
**First half**—1, Colorado, Clark 2 (Harvey), 3rd minute. 2, New England, Ralston 2 (penny kick), 18th.  
**Goalies**—Colorado, Matt Pickens; New England, Brad Knighton.  
A—10,677 (20,000).

**Fire 2, Toronto FC 0**  
**Chicago** 0 2-2  
**Toronto FC** 0 0-0  
**Second half**—1, Chicago, Rolfe 2 (Blanco), 59th minute. 2, Chicago, McBride 6 (Banner), 81st.  
**Goalies**—Chicago, Jon Busch; Toronto FC, Stefan Frei.  
A—20,006 (20,000).

**WPS**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	4	1	2	14	7	2
Boston	3	2	1	10	8	8
FC Gold Pride	3	3	1	10	8	8
Chicago	2	2	2	8	6	4
Saint Louis	1	2	2	5	4	6
Washington	1	2	2	5	9	12
Sky Blue FC	1	3	2	5	3	5

  
**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**Saturday's game**  
FC Gold Pride 1, Chicago 0  
**Sunday's game**  
Washington at Boston  
**Saturday, May 23**  
Sky Blue FC at Washington  
Saint Louis at Chicago

**Saturday**  
**FC Gold Pride 1, Red Stars 0**  
**FC Gold Pride** 1 0-1  
**Chicago** 0 0-0  
**First half**—1, FC Gold Pride, Sinclair 2, 30th minute.  
**Goalies**—FC Gold Pride, Nicole Barnhart; Chicago, Caroline Jonsson.  
A—4,884

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## SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 24

## Golf

## Texas Open

Sunday  
At La Cantera Golf Club  
San Antonio  
Purse: \$6.1 million  
Yardage: 6,881; Par: 70

Final  
(x-won on first playoff hole; FedExCup points in parentheses)

x-Z. Johnson, \$1,098,000	68-67-60-70—265-15
J. Driscoll, \$658,800	67-69-67-62—265-15
Bill Haas, \$353,800	67-67-67-65—266-14
Paul Goydos, \$353,800	63-65-69-69—266-14
Brian Davis, \$214,263	65-67-69-66—267-13
M. Leishman, \$214,263	64-69-66-68—267-13
F. Jacobson, \$214,263	66-66-68-67—267-13
J. Leonard, \$214,263	63-68-67-69—267-13
C. Hoffman, \$170,800	70-69-63-66—268-12
Stephen Ames, \$170,800	66-67-68-67—268-12
Mark Wilson, \$125,050	67-72-67-64—270-10
G. Willis, \$125,050	68-70-65-67—270-10
J. Kaye, \$125,050	71-68-63-68—270-10
M. Gronberg, \$125,050	66-65-69-70—270-10
Todd Fischer, \$125,050	70-67-64-69—270-10
S. Sterling, \$125,050	68-63-69-70—270-10
P. Sheehan, \$79,823	68-68-68-67—271-9
S. McCarron, \$79,823	70-67-67-67—271-9
Kris Blanks, \$79,823	70-65-70-66—271-9
Brandt Jobe, \$79,823	70-65-70-66—271-9
James Nitties, \$79,823	68-69-66-68—271-9
Bob Estes, \$79,823	67-70-66-68—271-9
F. Lickliter II, \$79,823	69-68-65-69—271-9
Jimmy Walker, \$47,199	70-66-68-68—272-8
S. Verplank, \$47,199	67-70-67-68—272-8
Bill Lunde, \$47,199	73-65-67-67—272-8
P. Stankowski, \$47,199	70-69-67-66—272-8
Matt Weibring, \$47,199	67-70-65-70—272-8
Tim Herron, \$47,199	68-71-68-65—272-8
Shaun Micheel, \$47,199	67-72-63-70—272-8
D. Johnson, \$47,199	74-65-62-71—272-8
Corey Pavin, \$32,330	66-72-66-69—273-7
Tim Clark, \$32,330	67-69-67-70—273-7
Kevin Stadler, \$32,330	67-68-68-70—273-7
J.J. Henry, \$32,330	66-70-66-71—273-7
Kent Jones, \$32,330	65-70-70-71—273-7
Greg Owen, \$32,330	65-68-68-72—273-7
Jeff Maggert, \$32,330	64-70-73-66—273-7
Matt Jones, \$32,330	67-69-72-65—273-7
Wil Collins, \$22,570	67-69-68-70—274-6
Marco Dawson, \$22,570	68-69-69-69—274-6
Mark Brooks, \$22,570	71-68-65-70—274-6
Lee Janzen, \$22,570	66-68-69-71—274-6
Charlie Wi, \$22,570	71-71-64-71—274-6
Martin Piller, \$22,570	69-70-64-71—274-6
David Peoples, \$22,570	72-67-68-67—274-6

## Sybase Classic

Sunday  
At Upper Montclair Country Club  
Clifton, N.J.  
Purse: \$2 million  
Yardage: 6,413; Par: 72

Ji Young Oh, \$300,000	65-69-69-70 274-14
S. Pettersen, \$184,703	65-70-69-74 278-10
Michelle Wie, \$118,820	70-69-68-73 280-8
P. Creamer, \$118,820	70-69-68-73 280-8
H. Young Park, \$62,697	67-74-67-74 282-6
B. Lincicome, \$62,697	70-72-70-77 282-6
Louise Stahle, \$45,338	73-68-72-70 283-5
Amy Hung, \$45,338	70-72-70-71 283-5
Candle Kung, \$45,338	71-69-69-74 283-5
Momoko Ueda, \$36,656	71-71-71-71 284-4
H. Alfredsson, \$36,656	62-76-72-74 284-4
M.J. Hur, \$29,528	74-71-72-68 285-3
Karin Sjodin, \$29,528	73-72-69-71 285-3
N. Gulbis, \$29,528	70-72-70-73 285-3
Jiyai Shin, \$29,528	69-71-71-74 285-3
Moir Dunn, \$29,528	71-69-70-75 285-3
Al Miyazato, \$25,079	73-68-69-76 286-2
Lorena Ochoa, \$22,854	71-71-72-73 287-1
Sandra Gal, \$22,854	70-69-75-73 287-1
Song-Hee Kim, \$22,854	72-67-74-74 287-1
R. Gulyanmitta, \$22,854	73-69-69-76 287-1
P. Mackenzie, \$17,944	72-71-71-75 288-E
Yani Tseng, \$17,944	71-71-74-72 288-E
Jee Young Lee, \$17,944	69-71-76-72 288-E
Betsy Lucidi, \$17,944	72-70-72-73 288-E
Meg Mallon, \$17,944	73-70-75 288-E
Young Kim, \$17,944	71-70-72-75 288-E
K. Hull, \$17,944	67-73-73-75 288-E
Brittany Lang, \$17,944	68-74-69-77 288-E
Karrie Webb, \$17,944	70-69-72-77 288-E

## Irish Open

PGA European  
Sunday  
At County Louth Golf Club  
Baltray, Ireland  
Purse: \$4.09 million  
Yardage: 7,063; Par: 72

(Lowry won on third extra hole)	
a-Shane Lowry, Ireland	67-62-71-71—271
Robert Rock, England	66-65-69-71—271
John Edfors, Sweden	64-70-70-75—273
Marc Warren, Scotland	67-69-71-68—275
Nick Dougherty, England	66-67-73-69—275
Alastair Forsyth, Scotland	67-68-71-70—276
Roope Kakko, Finland	66-67-76-69—278
Thomas Levett, France	67-66-73-73—279
Brett Rumford, Australia	73-66-72-68—279
Chris Wood, England	69-67-76-68—280
Anthony Wall, England	72-68-71-69—280
Richard Bald, England	71-68-71-70—280
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	66-65-78-72—281

## Regions Charity Classic

Champions Tour  
Sunday  
At Robert Trent Jones Trail at Ross Bridge  
Hoover, Ala.  
Purse: \$1.7 million  
Yardage: 7,503; Par: 72

Final round cancelled by weather	
Keith Fergus, \$255,000	66-66—132-12
Benjamin Jones, \$149,000	69-69—132-12
Joe Ozark, \$121,400	69-67—131-8
Jay Don Blake, \$65,571	70-67—137-7
Brad Bryant, \$65,571	72-65—137-7
Tom Jenkins, \$65,571	68-69—137-7
Loren Roberts, \$65,571	68-69—137-7
Tom McKnight, \$65,571	67-70—137-7
Jim Thorpe, \$65,571	67-70—137-7
Larry Mize, \$65,571	66-71—137-7

## NBA playoffs

## Lakers cruise past Rockets in Game 7

By BERNIE WILSON  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol and the Los Angeles Lakers emphatically silenced the doubters and the Houston Rockets, winning Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals 89-70 on Sunday.

With Gasol scoring 21 points and grabbing 18 rebounds, the Lakers looked like the conference's top-seeded team, not the maddeningly inconsistent one that was pushed to the decisive final game by the undermanned Rockets.

The Lakers dominated the paint on both ends, forcing the Rockets into turnovers and bad shots, and owning the backboards. They had an 8-0 lead a few minutes in and widened it to 25 points on Gasol's jump hook shortly before halftime.

The Lakers, trying to reach the NBA Finals for the second straight year, host the opener of the conference finals against the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

Gasol left to a nice ovation with 3:34 remaining in the game.

Trevor Ariza scored 15 points while Bryant and Andrew Bynum had 14 apiece. Bryant added five assists and seven rebounds.

Aaron Brooks scored 13 and Luis Scola 11 for Houston. Ron Artest (seven points) and Shane Battier (three) were non-factors.

The Lakers have been so up and down in this series that coach Phil Jackson said before Game 5 that they had a little bit of Jeckyll and Hyde in them. That was the night the Lakers raced to a 40-point victory at home, only to follow it by getting blind-sided a second straight game in Houston, losing two nights later by 15.

Using home-court advantage to the fullest, the Lakers made sure

they weren't going to choke this one away against the No. 5 seed.

Asked what the Lakers learned from this series, Bryant cracked: "That we're bipolar."

"Our effort could be much better, you know, in Game 4 and Game 6," Bryant said. "But still, Houston played extremely well. In a series, it's about making adjustments. That's what we were able to. We made our adjustments. We came out and were ready to go. You can't take anything away from this Houston team. But we definitely could have played a lot harder."

This one was practically over before the fans settled into their seats.

With Houston missing its first 12 shots, Los Angeles used two Houston turnovers and a blocked shot in racing to an 8-0 lead. Gasol blocked a shot by Scola and fed Bryant for a layup. Scola's turnover led to Ariza's tip-in of Gasol's miss. A turnover by Brooks set up Ariza's three-pointer, forcing Houston to call timeout with 9:32 to go in the quarter.

Houston missed seven shots during the next 2½ minutes, and didn't score until Brooks made two free throws just more than five minutes in.

"Coming in here for Game 7, we knew they were going to give us their best shot, especially in the first quarter," Battier said. "To be honest with you, we just didn't have energy to match it. Unfortunately, after we got past the first quarter we played them pretty straight up, but the damage had been done at that point."

During one sequence, Odom blocked a shot by Brooks, Bryant ended up with the ball and whipped a crosscourt pass to Ariza for a three-pointer and a 13-2 lead.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

The Los Angeles Lakers' Trevor Ariza reacts to a basket in front of the Houston Rockets' Ron Artest in the first half during Game 7 of a Western Conference semifinal series in Los Angeles on Sunday. The Lakers will play the Denver Nuggets in the conference finals after an 89-70 victory over the Rockets.

## NBA scoreboard

Playoffs	CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)	CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)
Eastern Conference	EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Atlanta 0	Wednesday: Boston or Orlando at Cleveland
Cleveland 99, Atlanta 72	Friday: Boston or Orlando at Cleveland
Cleveland 105, Atlanta 85	Sunday, May 24: Cleveland at Boston or Orlando
Cleveland 97, Atlanta 82	Tuesday, May 26: Cleveland at Boston or Orlando
Cleveland 84, Atlanta 74	Thursday, May 28: Boston or Orlando at Cleveland*
Boston vs. Orlando	Saturday, May 30: Cleveland at Boston or Orlando*
Orlando 95, Boston 90	Monday, June 1: Boston or Orlando at Cleveland*
Boston 112, Orlando 94	WESTERN CONFERENCE
Orlando 117, Boston 96	L.A. Lakers vs. Denver
Boston 95, Orlando 94	Tuesday: Denver at L.A. Lakers
Boston 92, Orlando 88	Thursday: Denver at L.A. Lakers
Orlando 83, Boston 75, series tied 3-3	Saturday: L.A. Lakers at Denver
Sunday: Orlando at Boston	Monday, May 25: L.A. Lakers at Denver
Western Conference	Wednesday, May 27: Denver at L.A. Lakers*
L.A. Lakers vs. Houston	Friday, May 29: L.A. Lakers at Denver*
Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 92	Sunday, May 31: Denver at L.A. Lakers*
L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 98	*if necessary
L.A. Lakers 108, Houston 94	
Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 87	
L.A. Lakers 118, Houston 78	
Houston 95, L.A. Lakers 80	
Sunday: L.A. Lakers 89, Houston 70, L.A. Lakers win series 4-3	
Denver 4, Dallas 1	
Denver 109, Dallas 95	
Denver 117, Dallas 105	
Denver 106, Dallas 105	
Dallas 119, Denver 117	
Denver 124, Dallas 110	

## Calendar

May 19 — Draft lottery.

## Golf roundup

## Johnson repeats as Texas Open champ

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Zach Johnson made a 12-foot birdie on the first playoff hole to beat James Driscoll and repeat as the Valero Texas Open champion Sunday.

Seven months after winning for the first time at La Cantera Golf Club, Johnson's even-par 70 was good enough for a 15-under 265 and forced the sudden-death playoff with Driscoll, who surged from eight strokes back.

Johnson vaulted to the top of the FedEx Cup standings with the victory, his second this year.

Paul Goydos had birdied 16 to take a one-stroke lead, but the 44-year-old and sympathetic favorite bogeyed the last two holes to finish 14 under.

Goydos was playing four months to the day his ex-wife died, a tragedy that led him to briefly leave the tour.

**LPGA:** At Clifton, N.J., Ji Young Oh shot 2-under 70 and benefited from a couple of mistakes by Suzann Pettersen on the back nine to capture the \$2 million Sybase Classic on Sunday by four shots.

The 20-year-old South Korean finished with a 14-under total on the Upper Montclair Country Club in winning her second LPGA title and earning \$300,000.

Pettersen was tied for the lead after 11 holes but bogeyed the 12th hole after a bad drive and then handed Oh the title with bogeys on the final two holes.

Oh put an exclamation point on the win with a 7-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole.

Michelle Wie and Paula Creamer finished tied for third at 8-under after failing to mount a charge on a cold, raw day.

**Champions:** At Hoover, Ala., Keith Fergus won the rain-shortened Regions Charity Classic on Sunday, shooting a second straight 6-under 66 to beat Gene Jones by three strokes.

Fergus waited out the second long rain delay in as many days and then finished the second round in a steady drizzle for his second victory of the year. Tournament officials decided before the restart not to try to get in the

final 18 holes.

It was the first time a Champions Tour event had been limited to 36 holes because of weather since 2006.

**PGA European:** At Baltray, Ireland, Irish amateur Shane Lowry won the Irish Open with a par on the third hole of a playoff against Robert Rock of England.

Lowry missed a 3-foot putt to win on the 72nd hole on Sunday, and he and Rock finished at 17-under 271.

They halved the first two holes of their playoff on the par-5 18th, but Lowry made par on the third attempt as Rock missed the green with his third shot and took three more to get down.



## Sports briefs

# Federer stops Nadal's 33-match streak on clay

The Associated Press

MADRID — Roger Federer beat top-ranked Rafael Nadal in a final for the first time in two years on Sunday, claiming the Madrid Open 6-4, 6-4 for his first title of the season.

It was only the second victory Federer has on clay against his top rival, with the other coming in the Hamburg final two years ago. Federer also ended his five-match losing streak to Nadal.

"He was simply better than me," Nadal said.

Federer ended Nadal's 33-match clay winning streak going into the French Open, in which the Spaniard will pursue a fifth straight title.

Earlier, top-ranked Dinara Safina of Russia won her second straight title on clay by beating Danish teenager Caroline Wozniacki 6-2, 6-4 in the women's final.

Federer and Nadal joked after receiving their trophies in a scene that contrasted with the one in February when Federer was in tears after losing to Nadal in the Australian Open final.

Only Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe have met in more finals — 20 — as the pair played for a 16th time with Nadal having earned 11 titles. Nadal leads the overall series 13-7.

## Phelps ties for top time in prelims of 100 free

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Using his new windmill stroke for an entire lap, Michael Phelps tied

for the fastest time in the preliminaries of the 100-meter freestyle Sunday morning in the Charlotte UltraSwim.

Phelps, swimming in the next-to-last heat, advanced to the evening final with a time of 49.50 seconds, which was matched by fellow Olympian Ricky Berens.

Another U.S. Olympian, Cullen Jones, was third at 49.75, while France's Frederick Bousquet moved on with the fourth-best time, 49.81. Bousquet is world-record holder in the 50 free — a mark he set last month — and is favored in the 100.

Phelps used his usual bent-arm stroke on the outward lap Sunday morning, but straightened his arms for the return. The motion requires more energy but should produce the additional speed he is looking for in the sprint race.

Phelps is competing in five events at Charlotte, his first meet since winning a record eight gold medals in the Beijing Olympics.

He won the 200 free and 100 butterfly, but finished second to world-record holder Aaron Peirsol in the 100 backstroke, Phelps' first loss in a final in nearly a year.

He qualified for the final of the 50 freestyle but scratched, since he was using it only as training for the 100.

## Ward wins decision, stays on track for title shot

OAKLAND, Calif. — Andre Ward remained unbeaten and stayed on course for a 168-pound

title shot this year with the biggest victory of his pro career, a unanimous decision over Colombia's Edison Miranda on Saturday night.

Ward (19-0, 12 KOs), the 2004 U.S. Olympic gold medalist, showed resilience in fighting 11 ½ rounds with a cut over his left eye caused by a head-butt from the free-swinging Miranda (32-4). Although Ward couldn't land a knockout, he clearly demonstrated better skill and discipline while thriving in the late rounds of just the second 12-round fight of his career.

Two judges scored the fight 119-109 for Ward, while the third favored him 116-112. The Associated Press scored it 117-111 for Ward.

Miranda once was a prime 160-pound prospect, but was knocked out by Kelly Pavlik and Arthur Abraham in the past two years.

## Bills FB McIntyre arrested, accused of sex act

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Buffalo Bills fullback Corey McIntyre was arrested in Florida on accusations he fondled himself outside a Port St. Lucie woman's home.

The incident allegedly happened about two months ago, but McIntyre, 29, was arrested Thursday and charged with exposing sexual organs.

A spokesman for the Port St. Lucie Police says a woman claimed the player knocked on her window during the act, then

fled. Police later spotted him on a bicycle.

The charge is a misdemeanor and required a warrant for his arrest, which accounted for the lag time until McIntyre was jailed.

McIntyre's agent, Brett Tessler, says his client is "guilty of absolutely nothing" and looks forward to proving the accusations false.

The player is free on \$10,000 bond.

## Bucks' Bogut cleared to begin workouts

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks cleared center Andrew Bogut to begin offseason workouts after tests showed his back injury has healed.

The team said Saturday the 7-foot, 260-pound center underwent tests in Australia this week that show the stress fracture in his lower back has healed.

Bogut said in a statement that this day couldn't have come soon enough for him. He says he's looking forward to a productive summer in the gym.

Bogut, 24, played 36 games this season, averaging 11.7 points, 10.3 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.0 blocked shots.

The former No. 1 overall pick signed a five-year contract with the Bucks last year worth \$60 million.

## Detroit police: Chair swung by Ducks GM hit woman

DETROIT — Detroit police said a woman was accidentally hit by a chair swung by Ducks

general manager Bob Murray after Anaheim's loss to the Red Wings in Game 7 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Sgt. Alan Quinn said on Saturday that the woman was struck while in the press box Thursday night at Joe Louis Arena, and Murray apologized. Quinn says police took a report and the woman declined to seek charges.

The incident was first reported on Friday by WJBK-TV in Detroit.

The Ducks said Saturday that Murray denied throwing a chair. On Friday, he told the Los Angeles Times that it was a "complete accident."

## Mets put Delgado on DL with hip injury

SAN FRANCISCO — The New York Mets are down a key man in the heart of their batting order, and Carlos Delgado could be out for a prolonged period of time.

The slugger was placed on the 15-day disabled list Saturday with an impingement of his right hip.

The move is retroactive to May 11, the first baseman's last game. Delgado left the team before Saturday's game against the San Francisco Giants and was to be re-evaluated early next week. It's unclear whether Delgado will opt to have surgery.

Delgado is batting .298 with four homers and 23 RBIs in 26 games. He was batting .423 (11-for-26) over his previous seven games with seven runs scored, a homer and seven RBIs.

# Cavs: Cleveland's Williams, James form bond with trust

## CAVS, FROM BACK PAGE

will face either Boston or Orlando in the conference final, are 35-5 with one of the losses coming in the regular-season finale against Philadelphia when coach Mike Brown rested James and other starters. Cleveland's reserves took the Sixers to overtime before losing.

"We got 10 or 11 guys who have started on other teams," James said. "We got guys who know how to play significant minutes, guys who know how to play basketball. We haven't had that in the past."

Or anyone like Williams. "Right over there," Williams said, pointing to a sideline area inside Cleveland's training complex. "That's where LeBron and I first talked about winning a championship — together. Since day one, that has been the goal."

Williams was the missing piece. In James' first five seasons, the Cavs didn't have a point guard capable of directing their offense. They needed someone to create shots for James, someone to take the ball out of his hands, someone to settle things down. Too often, James was a solo artist.

Ricky Davis. Larry Hughes. Jeff McInnis. Eric Snow. They all tried, but none of those guards developed into what Cleveland

needed most: A complementary component for James. The Scottie Pippen to his Michael Jordan.

There is no jealousy. Williams has not only accepted his co-starring role, but he relishes being part of James' on-court entourage. Williams can take over when needed, and like James, he's able to set up teammates. Also like No. 23, when a big shot is needed, Williams wants the ball.

"I pick my spots," he said. "This is a well-balanced team. At times I don't have to be aggressive. I can space the floor. And if my man helps, I can knock down the three. I try to affect the game in a lot of different ways."

General manager Danny Ferry attempted to bring in an established veteran such as Mike Bibby or Jason Kidd via trade, but couldn't get a deal done. Then, in August, while James was in China winning a gold medal with the U.S. Olympic Redeem Team, Ferry landed Williams, 26, a confident player who used to light up the Cavaliers every time he played against them with the Milwaukee Bucks.

Not knowing he would one day be Williams' teammate and friend, James had scouted him.

He knew what Williams could bring to the internationally

flavored Cavs, who have players from Lithuania, Brazil and Serbia.

"I saw the things he did against us last year in Milwaukee," James said. "Because I'm a fan of the game, I watched him and I thought he could be a really good fit for us, and I thought he could definitely help me out on the perimeter."

He has taken a lot of pressure off me as far as ball-handling and things like that. He has done that and more. He's an unbelievable point guard. He controls the team and runs the team."

Williams didn't know James well before he arrived, but they bonded immediately.

"Our friendship from the jump gave us trust in each other on the court," Williams said. "Especially him trusting me."

Trust. That's it, Brown thought. While he and Ferry prepared for this season, Cleveland's coach considered what was missing from his team. In James, Brown had arguably the game's most dominant force. In Williams, center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, guard Delonte West and forward Ben Wallace, he had proven veterans. In Wally Szczerbiak, Anderson Varejao and Sasha Pavlovic, he had quality backups.

Brown, though, thought the Cavs' chemistry wasn't quite right. Early last season, an uneasiness had settled over the team, which was coming off being swept by San Antonio in the NBA Finals. Players were unhappy with their minutes, and Hughes, later traded to Chicago, seemed more concerned with stealing the spotlight from James.

Brown sought harmony. So following the team's preseason dinner, he gave a 10-minute speech on trust. He wanted his players to grow as one. He asked them to spend time together off the floor, to share their interests, to become brothers. To trust each other.

The Cavs bought in. They wheel in birthday cakes at practice and sing "Happy Birthday" to a celebrating teammate or coach. On a trip to Los Angeles, the traveling party went to see "Slumdog Millionaire." In Memphis, the Cavaliers toured the National Civil Rights Museum. This week, James had them over to his house for a playoff-watching dinner.

They have developed special handshakes and perform elaborate skits during pregame introductions. When practice ends, nobody wants to go home. The Cavs hang around and play shoot-

ing games.

"Since high school, this is the tightest team I've ever been on," James said. "It's nice. It's not the ingredient for every team, but it is for ours. We've bonded."

Wallace, a 14-year veteran, said Cleveland's camaraderie is special.

"This team has the same chemistry we had in Detroit when we won the championship," he said. "I've been on teams before where a guy would be like, 'Hey, I'm going to such and such to eat and if anybody wants to come, you're more than welcome.' And nobody shows up. Here, the whole crew shows up."

It all begins with the selfless James. He has a unique gift of making everyone from ball boys to team executives feel included. He can't win a title by himself, so why try?

He accepts the praise, but ever the playmaker, he shares it. "It's like every time he wins, we win," Wallace said. "He wins the MVP, and he gives everyone else a gift. That's great for building chemistry."

The Cavaliers got it, and soon might have a title to go with it.



## MLS roundup

## Fire top Toronto FC to remain unbeaten

The Associated Press

**TORONTO** — Second-half goals by Chris Rolfe and Brian McBride kept the Chicago Fire the only unbeaten team in MLS with a 2-0 victory over Toronto FC on Saturday.

The triumph ended the Fire's run of five successive ties.

The first goal for Chicago (3-0-6) came in the 59th minute, when Cuauhtemoc Blanco split the Toronto defense to find Rolfe, who avoided the charging Stefan Frei and slipped the ball into an empty net.

The goal was Rolfe's second of the season.

Toronto FC (3-3-4) had its first loss under interim coach Chris Cummins.

**D.C. United 2, Chivas USA 2:** At Carson, Calif., D.C. United scored two goals in the last 15 minutes against the toughest defense in MLS.

Luciano Emilio scored in the 77th minute when he re-directed a shot from Santino Quaranta off the left post and into the back of the net. Quaranta ripped a shot from 25 yards to tie it in the 85th.

Maykel Galindo, who scored 12 goals for Chivas in 2007, opened the scoring in the 25th minute in his first start since May 11, 2008.

D.C. (3-1-6) is unbeaten in six games. Chivas (7-1-2) has allowed five goals all season.

In the 43rd minute, Atiba Harris scooped up the ball on the left side of the box and crossed to Eduardo Lillingston, who headed it in.

**Wizards 2, Real Salt Lake 0:** At Sandy, Utah, Josh Wolff scored twice to help Kansas City send Real Salt Lake to its first home loss of the season.

Jack Jewsbury lobbed the ball over the defense and Wolff beat goalkeeper Chris Seitz on a breakaway in the 20th minute.

Kansas City (4-4-2), which ended a three-game winless streak, extended its lead in the 67th minute when Michael Harrington sent the ball in front of the goal and Wolff found the back of the net again.

Wolff, who has scored in three successive games, has six goals this season to tie for the most in MLS with Chicago's Brian McBride.

Real Salt Lake (3-5-1) nearly

tied the game, but Kyle Beckerman's shot in the 47th minute hit the post. Javier Morales' follow-up shot was deflected wide.

**Dynamo 1, Red Bulls 1:** At East Rutherford, N.J., Houston conceded its first goal in more than a month when John Wolyniec scored in the 88th minute for the 10-man New York Red Bulls.

Substitute Chris Wondolowski had put Houston (3-2-3) up in the 78th minute after getting a nice pass from Brad Davis. He came on in the 67th minute.

New York (2-5-3) responded in the 88th. Wolyniec received a blind pass from Dane Richards deep inside the box, turned and drilled his first goal of the season.

Though the Dynamo allowed a goal for the first time in 491 minutes since a 1-0 setback to D.C. United on April 4, their unbeaten streak reached five games.

**Revolution 1, Rapids 1:** At Foxborough, Mass., Steve Ralston scored on a penalty in the 18th minute.

Defender Ugo Ihemelu tripped him in the box. Ralston stutter-stepped and drove a low ball to the far left corner past Rapids goalkeeper Matt Pickens.

New England (2-2-4) has scored just two goals in its past four matches. The Revolution had five starters, including striker Taylor Twellman and goalkeeper Matt Reis, out because of injuries.

Forward Conor Casey put the Rapids (3-2-3) ahead in the third minute, converting a header off a cross from Jordan Harvey. Casey's goal was his fifth of the season.

**Sounders 1, FC Dallas 1:** At Frisco, Texas, Andre Rocha scored in the third minute of first-half stoppage time for FC Dallas.

Rocha redirected a long volley from Marcelo Saragosa on the left flank into the left corner of the net. Saragosa crossed a pass from about 35 yards to Rocha, who took a sliding shot with his right foot from outside the right corner of the goalie's box just before the whistle.

The Sounders (4-2-3) extended their unbeaten streak to four games. Last-place Dallas (1-6-2) failed to score more than one goal for the seventh time in eight matches this season.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

New England's Emmanuel Osei heads the ball away from the Colorado Rapids' Conor Casey during the first half of Saturday's game.



JERRY S. MENDOZA/AP

The Red Wings' Johan Franzen circles around the net to beat Blackhawks goalie Nikolai Khabibulin for a score during the second period of the opening game of the Western Conference finals on Sunday.

# For openers, Detroit puts Chicago on ice

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Dan Cleary was close to being an ex-NHL player when the league emerged from the lockout four years ago.

The Detroit Red Wings gave him another shot. The forward took advantage, and the defending Stanley Cup champions are glad he did.

Cleary matched a playoff high with two goals against the team that drafted him, leading the Red Wings to a 5-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals Sunday.

"I came here as a tryout," he said. "They gave me a chance to be a player."

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Detroit.

Cleary was drafted 13th overall by the Blackhawks in 1997, but had just nine points in 41 games before being traded to Edmonton.

"I wasn't in Chicago very long, so no hard feelings," he said.

Cleary signed with the Red Wings in 2005, and after a 15-point season he recorded 40 points each of the past three seasons to surpass his previous high of 35.

"He was a dynamic player as a 16-year-old," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said.

"It just happened too quick for him and he wasn't able to handle it

## NHL scoreboard

### Playoffs

#### CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

**Monday:** Carolina at Pittsburgh  
**Thursday, May 21:** Carolina at Pittsburgh

**Saturday, May 23:** Pittsburgh at Carolina

**Tuesday, May 26:** Pittsburgh at Carolina

**Friday, May 29:** Carolina at Pittsburgh

**Sunday, May 31:** Pittsburgh at Carolina

**Tuesday, June 2:** Carolina at Pittsburgh

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE Chicago vs. Detroit

**Sunday:** Detroit 5, Chicago 2, Chicago leads series 1-0

**Tuesday:** Chicago at Detroit

**Friday, May 22:** Detroit at Chicago

**Sunday, May 24:** Detroit at Chicago

**Wednesday, May 27:** Chicago at Detroit

**Saturday, May 30:** Detroit at Chicago\*

**Monday, June 1:** Chicago at Detroit,\*

\*—if necessary

way through the third period, 1:27 after Mikael Samuelsson's go-ahead score for the Red Wings.

Detroit's Chris Osgood made 30 saves, and Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 38 shots for the Blackhawks, who allowed an empty-net goal to Henrik Zetterberg.

Adam Burish gave the Blackhawks a 1-0 lead 5:25 in, but Cleary tied it a few minutes later. Johan Franzen put Detroit in front 2-1 late in the second period.

"We got a lesson," Quenneville said. "We've got to be better."

If the Blackhawks are going to have a chance, they'll likely need young stars Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews to produce. They were held without a point in the opener.

Kane was shotless Sunday. Toews had three shots, and both were on the ice for three of Detroit's goals.

The Blackhawks, playing in their first conference final since 1995 against a team in its third in a row, were competitive with the Red Wings until Detroit broke it open midway through the third period.

Kris Versteeg made it 2-all early in the third on a power play. The Red Wings have given up a man-advantage goal in a franchise-record 10 consecutive playoff games.

"We had to keep the streak alive," Babcock joked.

Detroit improved to 7-0 when leading after two periods.

emotionally. He bounced around.

"We happened to get him at the right time. He came in with the right attitude and started working."

In the previous round against Anaheim, Cleary scored the series-winning goal with 3 minutes left in Game 7 and has netted a career-high five goals during this playoff run. Cleary scored twice in a playoff game last year against the Ducks.

"He's a dangerous guy," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said.

Cleary's second goal came mid-





TOM STRICKLAND/AP

Teammate Tony Kanaan goes over strategy with driver Danica Patrick during practice Sunday on the final day of qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

## Indianapolis 500 qualifying

# Philippe, Duno get speed

## Both drivers surpass 220 mph after withdrawing runs

By MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nelson Philippe and Milka Duno took advantage of improved weather on the final day of qualifying to solidify their spots in next Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

Philippe and Duno withdrew their earlier speeds and improved significantly moments after the fourth day of time trials for the 93rd Indy race began Sunday, with Philippe posting an average of 220.754 mph and Duno soaring to 221.106.

After Saturday's session, Philippe, an Indy rookie, and Duno, trying for her third consecutive 500 start, were the slowest drivers in the tentative 33-car field, both with four-lap averages of just more than 218 mph.

But Sunday's weather conditions were considerably better than the wet and windy Saturday, assuring speeds would climb on the 2.5-mile oval.

"This morning (in practice), I went 220 for the first time all month," said Philippe, 22, a Frenchman. "That was nice to break that barrier."

"It was definitely not a big gamble. We had a mediocre time yesterday. I left the track yesterday and I said to the guys, 'You know, I don't just want to be in the show. I want to be qualifying close to 221.' And we did."

Duno, who likely will join Danica Patrick and Sarah Fisher as the only women in the lineup, also had been struggling to find speed since getting on the track May 7.

She qualified on the opening day of time trials, but her 219.027 was bumped and she waited a week to try again.

She nearly hit the wall on her first attempt Saturday, then managed to get into the tentative lineup at 218.040.

"We corrected a few things," said Duno,



Milka Duno, left, of Venezuela and Nelson Philippe of France strengthened their positions in the starting field for the Indianapolis 500 during Sunday's final day of qualifying. Duno averaged 221.106 mph and Philippe averaged 220.754.

a Venezuelan. "But also they made the car better. You can make a fast lap but if you are not consistent, if the car doesn't help you make the same speed all the time, you do nothing in qualifying."

Her qualifying laps Sunday ranged from 220.789 to 221.393.

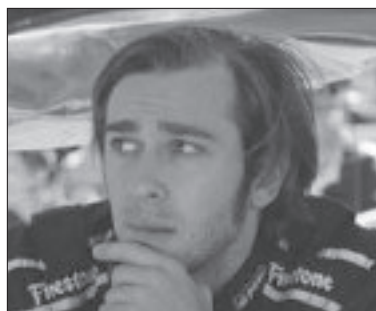
About an hour after the runs by Philippe and Duno, Bruno Junqueira, the 2002 pole winner, became the third qualifier of the day. His 221.115 bumped John Andretti's 219.442 out of the tentative lineup.

Junqueira, who began the month without a ride, got his first laps in his Conquest Racing entry Sunday morning and was faster than 220 in just eight laps.

"I did like four laps up to speed in the first (practice) session," the Brazilian driver said.

"The car was good, so I said, 'Let's take a little downforce out.' The car was better and I thought, 'I think we can qualify.'"

"I was very persistent. I walked around here for two weeks and, at the last minutes, I got a ride. It's one of the most exciting moments of my life and my career."



TOM STRICKLAND/AP photos

After Junqueira ran, Ryan Hunter-Reay's 219.502 from Saturday was on the bubble, with more than five hours remaining until the final gun. Close behind Hunter-Reay, and also apparently vulnerable to being bumped from the lineup, was E.J. Viso's 219.971 — the only other speed under 220.

Each entry is allowed up to three qualifying attempts per day and there were several drivers still hoping to make it into the race.

Andretti practiced Sunday afternoon, searching for enough speed to get back into the lineup, as did 1996 Indy winner Buddy Lazier, bumped Saturday after four laps at just more than 216, and rookie Stanton Barrett, who tried to qualify Saturday and came up just short.

"We feel there's some 220s in the car," said Ron Hemelgarn, owner of Lazier's entry.

"We're going to practice a little and then wait until after 5, wait for the track to cool down some. Buddy feels pretty good in the car. We think he can get it done."

## Stewart gets first triumph as car owner

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Tony Stewart crossed the finish line for his first victory as a car owner and made some rapid-fire decisions. No, he would not climb the Lowe's Motor Speedway fence in celebration. No, he would not go to his beloved Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday to watch — or participate — in the final day of qualifying for the Indianapolis 500. The only thing Stewart had in mind Saturday night was a long night of celebrating the first victory for Stewart-Haas Racing in the \$1 million All-Star event.

"I don't even know if I'll be conscious tomorrow," he joked. "We're going to start an over/under to see what time I wake up, and then you guys might want to start a second pool to see what time I actually climb out of bed. So, no, I am not going to Indy. I don't know what day this day is actually going to end."

Stewart passed Matt Kenseth with two laps to go in a thrilling final 10-lap shootout to win for the first time in 11 All-Star starts. It was his first victory since he left Joe Gibbs Racing at the end of last year, after two championships and 10 successful seasons, to become co-owner of Stewart-Haas Racing.

In just six months, "Smoke," as he is nicknamed, has turned his new toy into a championship contender. He came into the race second in the Sprint Cup Series standings — surprising because most people predicted a rocky first year for a driver accustomed to winning. Instead, he's put himself and teammate Ryan Newman (eighth in points) in position for berths in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Both have been closing in on Victory Lane, and Stewart won the race to give the organization its first victory dating to its 2002 debut as Haas CNC Racing. Stewart became the second driver/owner to win the All-Star race, joining Geoff Bodine, the 1994 winner.

Stewart's crew urged him to the climb the fence in celebration — a tradition he started several years ago — but the driver declined. His crew climbed for him.

Kenseth was second, followed by Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards.

The format was again changed, this time to cut the 100-lap race into four segments that culminated with a 10-lap sprint to the finish. It was a nod to the past when races had dramatic, dash-for-the-cash finishes.

After a follow-the-leader parade for most of the first three segments, the action picked up at the drop of the flag for the final shootout. Kyle Busch used a three-wide pass to dart from fourth to first. A caution period set up a restart, and Jeff Gordon took first. Newman entered the action with a three-wide move to the outside, and Gordon and Kyle Busch touched at least once before all three cars collided. It sent Gordon into a spin through the grass, then back up across the track, where he crashed.

Kenseth took the front, but he and Busch knew Stewart was coming. Stewart was third on the final restart with five laps left, and he made several charges before getting past Kenseth with two laps remaining.

Despite his ban for failing a drug test, Jeremy Mayfield was on track property Saturday, insisting his positive test was not because of illegal drugs. He said it was a combination of a prescription, which he would not identify, and Claritin-D, which he said he used for allergies. NASCAR officials said Mayfield's presence violated terms of his suspension, and he was asked to leave as the All-Star race began.



## NL roundup

# Fielder homer helps Brewers beat Cards

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Prince Fielder hit his fourth homer in five games to help the Milwaukee Brewers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-2 on Sunday.

Manny Parra (3-4) won his third straight start and the Brewers got two-run singles from J.J. Hardy and Jason Kendall to win their fifth in a row and 11th in 13 games. They're 12-5 against the Cardinals the past two seasons.

Fielder has four homers and 10 RBIs the past five games.

St. Louis, minus injured sluggers Ryan Ludwick and Rick Ankiel, snapped a 14-inning scoreless streak against Milwaukee pitching in the sixth on Nick Stavino's RBI single and a run-scoring groundout by Colby Rasmus. But the Cardinals were unable to avoid a sixth loss in eight games.

Parra worked around his fourth four-walk game of the season to go with five hits, allowing two runs in his fourth straight six-inning stint.

Todd Wellemeyer (3-4) walked seven, two more than his previous career worst. He walked Parra, an .077 hitter, to start the fourth, and hit J.J. Hardy and Parra in the sixth.

**Pirates 11, Rockies 4:** Nate McLouth had three of his four RBIs during a 10-run seventh inning as Pittsburgh came from behind to take its second straight from Colorado.

The first 11 batters reached in the seventh for Pittsburgh, which scored 10 in an inning for the first time in six years, overcoming a 4-1 deficit.

McLouth also homered for the second consecutive game, and Andy LaRoche had two hits and two RBIs for the Pirates, who have won four of six since snapping an eight-game skid.

In Saturday games:

**Mets 9, Giants 6:** Randy Johnson (4-3) dug himself an early hole against New York and ace

Johan Santana, and failed in a bid for his 299th victory.

Carlos Beltran hit two doubles and drove in three runs, and David Wright had a two-run double and three RBIs for New York. Fill-in cleanup hitter Gary Sheffield added three hits as the Mets won their 11th in 13 games and improved to 12-3 in May.

The Big Unit, looking to become the 24th pitcher to reach the 300-victory milestone, is stuck on No. 298.

Santana (5-2) gave up four runs and raised his ERA to 1.89, and it was only the second time he had allowed 11 hits in his career.

**Padres 6, Reds 5 (16):** Nick Hundley homered with two outs in the bottom of the 16th inning and San Diego won the longest game in the majors this season.

Hundley sent an 0-1 pitch from Micah Owings (3-4) into the left-field seats to give San Diego its second straight victory after losing six in a row.

Hundley's shot, his second of the season, landed in the second deck to end the 5-hour, 14-minute game, the longest of the season in terms of time for both teams.

Rookie Luis Perdomo (1-0), the Padres' eighth pitcher, pitched three hitless innings for the first victory of his career.

**Diamondbacks 12, Braves 0:** Max Scherzer pitched six scoreless innings for his first major league victory and Chris Snyder hit a grand slam in the ninth, capping visiting Arizona's rout.

Snyder matched a career high with five RBIs, including the grand slam off Buddy Carlyle in a six-run ninth. Rookie Gerardo Parra drove in three runs with three hits as Arizona ended a four-game losing streak.

Scherzer (1-3) gave up four hits and three walks with four strikeouts. Scherzer's first victory came in his 14th start. He lost his first seven decisions over two seasons and entered the game with a career 3.39 ERA in 22 games.

Kenshin Kawakami (2-5) gave

up five hits and three runs in five innings.

**Phillies 8-7, Nationals 5-5, 2nd game 5 innings, rain:** Brett Myers cranked out seven innings in the afternoon, and emergency callup Andrew Carpenter pitched into the fifth in his first major league start in the nightcap called in the sixth due to rain.

Raul Ibanez hit three long home runs, and Philadelphia got a scoreless one-inning save in Game 1 from closer Brad Lidge, who had allowed at least one run in each of his six previous outings.

Ibanez finished the day with five hits, four runs and seven RBIs.

**Marlins 6, Dodgers 3:** There was a mess on the field, and for a change it wasn't the Florida Marlins' fault. Countless silvery pompom strands blew onto the diamond on pompom giveaway night, but the Marlins emerged from the litter to snap a five-game losing streak.

Andrew Miller (1-1), activated from the disabled list before the game, won for the first time since June 16. John Baker broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth with a two-run homer for the Marlins, who scored five of their runs with two outs.

With the score 2-2, Jeff Weaver (2-1) retired the first two batters in the fifth before Jorge Cantu singled and Baker homered.

The Dodgers' Eric Milton, making his first major-league start in two years, threw 84 pitches in four innings and left with the score 2-2. Milton is mounting a comeback from elbow ligament-replacement surgery in June 2007.

**Pirates 7, Rockies 4:** Nate McLouth homered and Andy LaRoche and Delwyn Young each had two hits and two RBIs for the host Pirates.

Jack Wilson added two RBIs, and Brandon Moss had two hits and scored twice for Pittsburgh.

The game was delayed 1 hour, 47 minutes by rain.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins singles in a run in the fourth inning of Sunday's game at Washington. The Phillies beat the Nats 8-6.

## Phillies finish sweep of an ugly 4-game set

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A four-game series of perilous pitching and dodgy fielding mercifully came to an end Sunday, with the Philadelphia Phillies completing a sweep of the worst-in-NL staff of the Washington Nationals.

A two-base error on an eighth-inning bunt provided the go-ahead run as the Phillies won 8-6, capping a series that included 55 runs, 42 walks and enough long innings to make any fan restless.

Sergio Escalona (1-0), called up overnight from Double-A Reading, got the victory in his major league debut by throwing one scoreless inning of middle relief, practically a standout performance among the only two National League clubs with team ERAs over 5.00.

Trailing 6-5 in the top of the eighth, the Phillies got the first two men on base against reliever Julian Tavarez (0-3), and Pedro Feliz tried to bunt them over. Pitcher Jesus Colome fielded the ball and threw accurately to first, but second baseman Anderson Hernandez — who was covering the bag — inexplicably moved out of the way at the last second and

let the ball go into right field. Two runs scored, and Colome was given a two-base error.

Both teams tallied at least five runs in every game of the series, which including a rain-shortened nightcap of a day-night double-header Saturday. The Phillies, already the NL's top-scoring team on the road this season, finished with 33 runs in the series' 35 innings.

The pitchers — and there were a combined 11 of them used Sunday — were so unpredictable that home plate umpire Mike Reilly warned both dugouts in the fifth inning after Josh Willingham became the third hit batter of the game.

There was also a disputed near miss — Shane Victorino claimed he was brushed on the forearm and continued to argue his case after striking out on the following pitch.

The first inning lasted 37 minutes and ended in a 3-3 draw. Phillies starter Chan Ho Park was done after 1 1/3 innings, having walked four and thrown two wild pitches to go with his five hits and five runs allowed, raising his ERA to 7.08.



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# Kershaw flirts with no-hitter as Dodgers throttle Marlins

BY STEVEN WINE  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — At first, Clayton Kershaw's pitching had teammates sprinting and diving for balls. Then he found a groove and flirted with a no-hitter.

The bid ended when Cody Ross doubled leading off the eighth inning, ending Kershaw's day, and the Los Angeles Dodgers settled for a four-hitter and a 12-5 victory over the Florida Marlins on Sunday.

The double came on the 112th

pitch by Kershaw, a career high. Reliever Guillermo Mota gave up a grand slam to Ross with two out in the ninth.

Kershaw (2-3) benefited from three fine defensive plays in the first two innings, then settled down. Given a 6-0 lead by the third, the 21-year-old left-hander struck out nine and pitched around four walks.

Kershaw struck out Jeremy Hermida looking with his 100th pitch to start the seventh and went on to strike out the side. But

on a humid, 82-degree afternoon, Kershaw looked exhausted as he walked to the dugout.

He had never pitched more than seven innings in 28 previous major league starts, and when Ross doubled on a 1-2 count to start the eighth, manager Joe Torre removed his weary pitcher. Ross then scored Florida's first run on Emilio Bonifacio's sacrifice fly.

Kershaw came into the game with an ERA of 5.21, and on the road he was 0-3 in four starts. But

he stymied the Marlins with a repertoire that included fastballs that reached 94 mph and curves at 72, and he was helped by good glove work, too.

Torre sat four regulars for the day game following a night game, but the Dodgers' defense was first-team caliber. Three of Florida's first five batters had a shot at a hit but were robbed on catches by second baseman Orlando Hudson, left fielder Juan Pierre and right fielder Xavier Paul.

Juan Castro hit his first home

run and scored three times as the Dodgers completed a 4-2 trip. They're 5-5 without suspended slugger Manny Ramirez but still have the majors' best record.

Pierre, Ramirez's replacement, had two doubles, a single and three RBIs to hike his average to .419. He was 8 for 14 in the series with six runs and five RBIs.

Mark Loretta had three hits and three RBIs, and Hudson had a two-run single.

John Koronka (0-2) allowed six runs in 2 2/3 innings.

## NL scoreboard

### National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	15	.583	—
Philadelphia	20	16	.556	1
Atlanta	18	18	.500	3
Florida	18	20	.474	4
Washington	11	25	.306	10
Central Division				
Milwaukee	23	14	.622	—
Chicago	21	15	.583	1 1/2
St. Louis	21	16	.568	2
Cincinnati	20	16	.556	2 1/2
Houston	17	19	.472	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	16	21	.432	7
West Division				
Los Angeles	26	13	.667	—
San Francisco	18	18	.500	6 1/2
San Diego	15	22	.405	10
Colorado	14	22	.389	10 1/2
Arizona	14	23	.378	11

### Saturday's games

Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 4  
Philadelphia 5, Washington 5, 1st game  
Milwaukee 1, St. Louis 0  
N.Y. Mets 9, San Francisco 6  
Florida 6, L.A. Dodgers 3  
Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 4  
Philadelphia 7, Washington 5, 6 innings, 2nd game  
Arizona 12, Atlanta 0  
San Diego 6, Cincinnati 5, 16 innings  
**Sunday's games**  
Arizona at Atlanta, p.p.d., rain  
L.A. Dodgers 12, Florida 5  
Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 4  
Philadelphia 8, Washington 6  
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 2  
Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 5  
Cincinnati at San Diego  
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco  
**Monday's games**  
Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 4-3) at Washington (TBA)  
Colorado (Marquis 4-3) at Atlanta (Jurjens 3-2)  
Arizona (Haren 3-4) at Florida (Nolasco 2-4)  
Milwaukee (TBA) at St. Louis (Pineiro 4-3)  
N.Y. Mets (Redding 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 2-12)  
**Tuesday's games**  
Pittsburgh at Washington  
Philadelphia at Cincinnati  
Arizona at Florida  
Colorado at Atlanta  
Milwaukee at Houston  
Chi. Cubs at St. Louis  
San Francisco at San Diego  
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers

### Saturday

#### Marlins 6, Dodgers 3

Philadelphia at Cincinnati										
Arizona at Florida										
Colorado at Atlanta										
Milwaukee at Houston										
Chi. Cubs at St. Louis										
San Francisco at San Diego										
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers										
Saturday										
Marlins 6, Dodgers 3										
Los Angeles					Florida					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Pierre lf	5	3	3	0	Bonifac 3b	5	0	1	1	
Furcal ss	5	0	1	0	Coghlin lf	5	0	0	0	
Hudson 2b	2	0	1	2	HRmrz ss	3	1	1	0	
Ethier rf	3	0	1	0	Cantu 1b	3	1	1	0	
Martin c	2	0	1	0	JoBak c	3	1	1	2	
Loney 1b	4	0	0	0	Ugla 2b	2	1	1	1	
Kemp cf	3	0	1	0	Hermid rf	4	1	2	0	
Blake 3b	3	0	0	0	C.Ross cf	3	0	1	1	
Milton p	1	0	0	0	Meyer p	0	0	0	0	
JeffWvr p	0	0	0	0	Nunez p	0	0	0	0	
Paul ph	1	0	0	0	Glead ph	1	0	0	0	
Leach p	0	0	0	0	Helms 3b	0	0	0	0	
Belisari p	0	0	0	0	AMiller p	2	0	0	0	
Ohman p	0	0	0	0	CMrtnz p	0	0	0	0	
Loretta ph	1	0	0	0	Andstr p	0	0	0	0	
					Andstr p	0	0	0	0	
Totals	30	3	7	3	Totals	33	6	8	6	
Los Angeles					Florida					
					101	000	100	-3		
Florida					011	020	020	-6		
E—Furcal (6). LOB—Los Angeles 8, Florida 8. 2B—C.Ross (5). 3B—Pierre (1). HR—Jo.Baker (5). SB—Pierre 2 (7), Ethier (2), Martin (5), Amezaga (1). CS—Kemp (2). S—Milton. SF—Hudson 2.										
					IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles										
Milton		4	2	2	2	2	4	3		
Jeff.Weaver L2-1		1	4	2	2	2	0	0		
Leach		1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Belisario		1 2/3	2	2	2	0	0	1		
Ohman		1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Florida										
A.Miller W1-1		5	4	2	2	2	4	4		
C.Martinez H,1		2 1/3	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Meyer H,6		1 1/3	2	1	0	0	0	2		
Nunez H,6		1	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Lindstrom S,7-9		1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
HBP—by Milton (Cantu). PB—Jo.Baker. T—3:17. A—25,132 (38,560).										



PAUL ABELL/AP

The Diamondbacks' Chris Snyder, right, celebrates with teammates, from left, Eric Byrnes, Mark Reynolds and Stephen Drew after hitting a grand-slam in the top of the ninth inning against the Atlanta Braves.

### Diamondbacks 12, Braves 0

Arizona					Atlanta				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Flopez 2b	6	1	2	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	0	0	0
Qualls p	0	0	0	0	Escoar ss	4	0	2	0
GParr cf	6	1	3	3	C.Jones 3b	4	0	2	0
J.Upton rf	4	1	2	0	GAndrs lf	3	0	1	0
S.Drew ss	4	1	0	0	Carlyle p	0	0	0	0
Rynlds 3b	3	3	1	1	McCnn c	3	0	1	0
Byrnes lf	5	2	2	2	D.Ross ph	1	0	0	0
Tracy 1b	3	1	0	0	Ktchm 1b	3	0	0	0
Snyder c	2	2	1	5	Francr rf	4	0	0	0
Scherz p	2	0	0	0	Schafer cf	2	0	1	0
Whitlsl ph	1	0	0	0	Kawkm p	1	0	0	0
Schwps	0	0	0	0	Norton ph	1	0	0	0
JGutrrz p	0	0	0	0	Parr p	0	0	0	0
Monter ph	0	0	0	1	Prado ph	1	0	0	0
Vasquez p	1	0	0	0	Bennett p	0	0	0	0
CYoung ph	0	0	0	0	M.Diaz lf	0	0	0	0
OJez 2b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	37	12	11	12	Totals	31	0	7	0
Arizona					Atlanta				
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	000	000	000	—0					
E—Escobar (3), DP—Arizona 2, Atlanta 1.									
LOB—Arizona 8, Atlanta 2; B—Flopez (2), J.									
Lof (8), Reynolds (5), Byrnes (8), Escobar									
(10), 3B—G.Parra (2), J.Upton (2), HR—Snyder									
(2), CS—G.Parra (2), C.Jones (1), SF—Snyder.									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Arizona									
Scherz W,1-3	6	4	0	0	3	4			
Schoeneweis	2 2/3	2	0	0	0	1			
J.Gutierrez	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0			
Vasquez	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Qualls	1	0	0	0	0	1			

### Phillies 8, Nationals 5

Kawakami L,2-5	5	5	3	3	1	4
Parr	1	2	2	2	1	0
Bennett	1	0	1	1	1	0
Carlyle	1	5	6	6	2	0
WP—Kawakami.	T—3:10.	A—30,162	(49,743).			

## Phillies 8, Nationals 5

First Game													
Philadelphia				Washington									
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi				
Rollins ss	4	1	2	1	CGzmn ss	4	1	1	1				
Victorn cf	5	3	3	4	NJhnmn 1b	3	0	0	1				
Harby ss	5	3	3	4	Zmrmn 3b	4	1	2	2				
Howard 1b	4	0	1	0	Dunn rf	4	0	0	0				
Werth rf	5	1	3	2	WJhng lf	4	1	1	1				
Feliz 3b	5	0	1	0	J.Bard c	4	0	0	0				
Coste c	5	1	2	0	WHarris cf	2	0	1	0				
Brnttt 2b	4	0	0	0	A.Hrnzd 2b	4	1	1	0				
Myers p	3	0	0	0	Olsen p	1	0	0	0				
Stairs ph	0	1	0	0	Cintrn ph	1	0	1	0				
Madsen p	0	0	0	0	Mock p	0	0	0	0				
Lidge p	0	0	0	0	Bellird ph	1	1	1	0				
					Colome p	0	0	0	0				
					Dukes ph	1	0	0	0				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>				
Philadelphia				Washington									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
E—N.Johnson (4). DP—Philadelphia 1, Washington 1. LOB—Philadelphia 8, Washington 4. 2B—Feliz (8), Coste (6), C.Guzman (7). HR—Ibanez 2 (12). Werth (7). Zimmerman (9), Willingham (6). SB—A.Hernandez (3). CS—Rollins (3). SF—N.Johnson.													

### Phillies 7, Nationals 5 (5, rain)

Second Game																																		
Philadelphia					Washington																													
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi																				
Rollins ss	3	2	2	0	CGzmn ss	3	1	1	0																									
Utley 2b	3	2	3	1	NJhnsn 1b	3	0	1	1																									
Ibanez lf	3	1	2	3	Zmrmn 3b	1	0	0	0																									
Howard 1b	3	2	2	2	Dunn rf	0	0	0	0																									
Stairs rf	2	0	0	0	WJhng lf	2	1	2	0																									
Victorn cf	2	0	0	0	WHarris cf	2	1	1	2																									
Dobbs 3b	3	0	0	0	Belldr 2b	3	1	2	1																									
Ruiz c	2	0	0	1	Nieves c	3	0	1	1																									
Carpnt p	3	0	0	0	DCarar p	1	0	0	0																									
Condry p	0	0	0	0	Cintrn ph	1	0	0	0																									
					Villone p	0	0	0	0																									
Totals	24	7	9	7	Totals	22	5	9	5																									
Philadelphia					Washington																													
						003	040	7	0																									
						100	13	5	2																									
DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Philadelphia 8, Washington 7. 2B—Utley 2 (4), Howard (10), C.Guzman (8), Willingham (4), Belliard (1), 3B—Rollins (1), Belliard (1). HR—Ibanez (13), Howard (8). S—D.Cabrera.																																		
					IP					H					R					ER					BB					SO				
Philadelphia																																		
Carpenter					4½					8					5					5					3					4				
Condry					⅔					1					0					0					2					2				
W.P. W-4-0																																		
Washington																																		
D.Cabrera, 0-5					5					8					7					7					4					3				
Villone					0					1					0					0					2					0				
Villone pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.																																		
HBP—by Carpenter (W.Harris). WP—D.Cabrera. T—2:16 (Rain delay: 1:30).																																		
A-23,896 (41,888).																																		

### Pirates 7, Rockies 4

Colorado					Pittsburgh								
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi				
Fowler cf	4	0	0	0	Dlwrfn rf	5	0	2	2				
S.Smith ph	1	0	0	0	FSnchz 2b	4	0	0	0				
Twitzk ss	4	1	1	0	MCloth cf	3	1	1	1				
Helton 1b	3	1	1	0	AdLRc 1b	4	1	2	0				
Hawpe rf	3	1	1	0	Moss lf	4	2	2	0				
Spilgrns lf	4	0	1	2	AnLRc 3b	4	2	2	2				
Stewart 3b	4	0	0	0	Jarmli c	3	1	1	0				
Iannett c	3	0	0	0	JaWlsn ss	3	0	1	2				
Barnes 2b	4	1	2	1	Snell p	1	0	0	0				
Cook p	1	0	0	0	SBurntt p	1	0	0	0				
Belisle p	0	0	0	0	Meek p	0	0	0	0				
Atkins ph	0	0	0	0	Hinske ph	1	0	0	0				
Grilli p	0	0	0	0	JChavz p	0	0	0	0				
Flores p	0	0	0	0	Grabow p	0	0	0	0				
Corpas p	0	0	0	0	Capps p	0	0	0	0				
Murton ph	0	0	0	0									
Totals	31	4	6	4	Totals	33	7	11	7				
E—Ja.Wilson (4), DP—Pittsburgh 1, LOB—Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 6. 2B—Tułowitzi (6), Spilborghs (10), AdLaRoche (11), Moss (5), HR—Barnes (4), McLouth (5), S—Belisle, Grabow. SF—Hawpe, Ja.Wilson.					040 012 000—4								
Colorado					Pittsburgh								
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cook	1½	4	1	4	1	0							
Belisle L,1-1	¾	1	0	0	0	2							
Grilli	½	3	2	2	0	0							
Flores	1½	2	0	0	0	1							
Corpas	1½	1	0	0	0	2							
Pittsburgh					Colorado								
Snell	2	3	3	3	1	3							
S.Burnett W,1-1	3	0	0	0	1	2							
Meek H,1	1	0	0	0	1	0							
J.Chavez H,2	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Grabow H,5	1	0	0	0	0	2							
Capps S,7-5	1	0	0	0	1	0							
2:44 (Rain delay: 1:37), A—24,49e (38,362).													

### Mets 9, Giants 6

New York					San Francisco				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Castillo 2b	4	1	1	0	Burriss 2b	5	0	1	0
Cora ss	5	2	2	0	FLewis lf	5	2	0	0
Beltran cf	5	3	3	3	Sandoval 3b	4	0	2	1
Sheffild lf	4	2	3	0	BMolin c	4	1	1	0
Reed lf	0	0	0	0	Winn rf-cf	4	1	1	1
DWright 3b	5	1	3	3	Uribe ss	4	0	1	0
Tatis 1b	4	0	0	1	Rownd cf	4	1	3	3
RCastr c	5	0	2	2	Meddrs p	0	0	0	0
Church rf	5	0	1	0	Ishikaw 1b	4	1	1	0
RMunoz ss	2	0	1	0	RHnsn cf	3	0	0	0
Pagan ph	1	0	0	0	JMiller p	0	0	0	0
Parnell p	0	0	0	0	Valdez p	0	0	0	0
DMrrp ph	1	0	0	0	Auriliaa ph	1	0	1	0
Putz p	0	0	0	0	Misch p	0	0	0	0
					Schrlt rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	41	9	16	9	Totals	38	6	12	6
New York					San Francisco				
	001	040	002	9		001	040	002	9
E—Castillo (4), D.Wright (6), DP—New York 1, LOB—New York 9, San Francisco 5, 2B—Cora (3), Beltran 2 (10), D.Wright (10), F.Lewis (9), Sandoval 2 (12), Auriliaa (2), HR—Rowand (3), SB—Castillo (6), Cora (3), CS—Winn (1), Uribe (1), S—J.Santana, SF—Tatis (1).					IP H R ER BB SO				
New York					San Francisco				
J.Santana W-5,2	7	11	6	4	0	7			
Parnell H,7	1	1	0	0	0	2			
Putz S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1			
San Francisco					New York				
Ra.Johnson L,3-4	4	11	7	7	0	3			
J.Miller	1	2	0	0	1	0			
Valdez	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Misch	2	1	2	2	1	0			
Medders	1	2	0	0	0	0			
Ra.Johnson pitched to 4 batters in the 5th.					Misch pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. Balk—Ra.Johnson. T—3:11. A—41,336 (41,915).				
Brewers 1, Cardinals 0									
Milwaukee					St. Louis				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Weeks 2b	4	0	0	0	Schmrk 2b-ff4	0	0	0	0
Hardy ss	3	0	0	0	Roinsn rf	4	0	2	0
Braun lf	4	0	1	0	Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0
Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0	Duncan lf	3	0	0	0
MCmrn cf	3	0	0	0	Bardeenph-3b1	0	0	0	0
Hart rf	4	1	1	1	YMolin c	4	0	1	0
Hall 3b	2	0	0	0	Rasms cf	3	0	0	0
Kendall c	2	0	0	0	Teen ss	2	0	0	0
Suppan p	2	0	0	0	KGreensch-ss2	0	0	0	0
Counsil ph	1	0	0	0	Thurstn3b-2b2	0	1	0	0
DiFelic p	0	0	0	0	WNwrg p	3	0	1	0
Stetter p	0	0	0	0	McClInn p	0	0	0	0
Hoffmn p	0	0	0	0	DReyes p	0	0	0	0
					C.Perez p	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	2	1	Totals	32	6	6	0
Milwaukee					St. Louis				
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E—Thurston (4), DP—Milwaukee 1, St. Louis 1, LOB—Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 7, HR—Hart (4), SB—Robinson (1).					IP H R ER BB SO				
Milwaukee					St. Louis				
Suppan W3-3	7	2	1	0	2	2			
DiFelic H,5	2½	0	0	0	0	1			
Stetter H,7	½	0	0	0	0	0			
Hoffman S,9-9	1	0	0	0	0	0			
St. Louis					Milwaukee				
Wainwright L,3-2	8	2	1	1	2	7			
McClellan	½	0	0	0	1	0			
D.Roy	½	0	0	0	0	0			
C.Perez	½	0	0	0	0	0			
T—2:31. A—43,382 (43,975).									





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Tampa Bay's Gabe Gross, left, congratulates teammate Akinori Iwamura on scoring during the fifth inning against the Cleveland Indians on Saturday in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays won 4-2.

## AL scoreboard

American League					Blue Jays 2, White Sox 1					Rangers 5, Angels 3				
East Division					Central Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	26	14	.650	—	Detroit	20	16	.556	—	Los Angeles	26	13	.667	—
Boston	22	15	.595	2½	Los Angeles	19	18	.514	1½	San Diego	22	15	.595	2½
New York	20	17	.541	4½	Minnesota	18	20	.474	3	San Francisco	20	17	.541	4½
Tampa Bay	18	20	.474	7	Chicago	15	21	.417	5	Oakland	13	21	.382	8½
Baltimore	16	21	.432	8½	Cleveland	14	24	.368	6½					
Central Division					West Division					Friday's games				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	20	16	.556	—	Texas	23	14	.622	—	Detroit 14, Oakland 1				
Kansas City	19	18	.514	1½	Los Angeles	18	18	.500	4½	N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 4				
Minnesota	18	20	.474	3	Seattle	17	20	.459	6	Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 3				
Chicago	15	21	.417	5	Oakland	13	21	.382	8½	Tampa Bay 8, Cleveland 7				
Cleveland	14	24	.368	6½						Seattle 5, Boston 4				
West Division					Saturday's games					Sunday's games				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	23	14	.622	—	N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 4, 11 in-					Detroit 11, Oakland 7				
Los Angeles	18	18	.500	4½	nings					Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 2				
Seattle	17	20	.459	6	Toronto 2, Chicago White Sox 1					N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 2, 10 in-				
Oakland	13	21	.382	8½	Texas 5, L.A. Angels 3					nings				
Friday's games					Saturday					Sunday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit 14, Oakland 1					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Minnesota	26	14	.650	—
N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 4										Span cf	5	0	0	0
Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 3										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Tampa Bay 8, Cleveland 7										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
Texas 10, L.A. Angels 8										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Kansas City 8, Baltimore 1										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
Seattle 5, Boston 4										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
Saturday's games					Sunday					Monday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 4, 11 in-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
nings										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Toronto 2, Chicago White Sox 1										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 3										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 2										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
Detroit 9, Oakland 1										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
Baltimore 3, Kansas City 2										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
Boston 5, Seattle 3										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Sunday's games					Monday					Tuesday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit 11, Oakland 7					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 2										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 2, 10 in-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
nings										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 0										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
Cleveland at Tampa Bay										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
Baltimore at Kansas City										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
Boston at Seattle										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Monday's games					Tuesday					Wednesday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richard 0-0) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Tuesday's games					Wednesday					Thursday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
Texas at Detroit										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Oakland at Tampa Bay										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
Toronto at Boston										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Cleveland at Kansas City										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
Wednesday's games					Thursday					Friday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Thursday's games					Friday					Saturday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Friday's games					Saturday					Sunday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Saturday's games					Sunday					Monday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Sunday's games					Monday					Tuesday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Monday's games					Tuesday					Wednesday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (Perkins 1-2) at N.Y. Yan-										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
kees (Pettitte 3-1)										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Oakland (Gallagher 1-1) at Tampa Bay										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
(Niemann 3-3)										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels (Palmer 4-0) at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
(Washburn 3-2)										Rdmnd c	3	0	1	2
Tuesday's games					Wednesday					Thursday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
Texas at Detroit										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Oakland at Tampa Bay										Mauer dh	4	1	1	1
Toronto at Boston										Mornea 1b	3	2	2	1
Cleveland at Kansas City										Kubel lf	5	0	0	0
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox										Cudyr rf	4	1	0	0
L.A. Angels at Seattle										Busch 3b	3	0	1	2
Wednesday's games					Thursday					Friday				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Richmond 4-2) at To-					Yankees 6, Twins 4 (11)					Span cf	5	0	0	0
ronto (Richmond 4-2)										BHarris 2b	6	0	0	0
Minnesota (														



## SPORTS



Cleary scores two goals  
as Red Wings take Game 1  
of Western Conference finals, Page 27

**NBA PLAYOFFS**

LeBron James is the star of the show, but Mo Williams  
& Co. provide the ingredients that make the Cavs go

# All the King's men



MARK DUNCAN/AP

The Cavaliers' Mo Williams, second from left, makes his point during a timeout in the playoff series with the Atlanta Hawks. League MVP LeBron James, right, assistant coach Michael Malone and Delonte West listen to the player James calls his sidekick. Williams, acquired in a trade, provided the missing piece for the Cavs.

*"They've got weapons all over the floor. As good as he is, and LeBron is one of the best I've seen in this league in 27 years, he doesn't do it alone."*

Mike Woodson, Atlanta Hawks coach

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

**A**bsent from any box score and unseen on TV highlights, the moment passed without fanfare. Earlier this year, LeBron James did something that might best define his breakthrough season with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

It wasn't a thunderous dunk or no-look pass.

In the aftermath of a victory, James was dissecting the game when he called Cavs point guard Mo Williams a name never

heard before in Cleveland's locker room.

"He's my sidekick," James said.

After a recent practice, Williams recalled James' stamp of approval.

"That was cool," Williams said. "Robin's cool. Batman can't have it all."

In fiction and reality, there's long been a place for the faithful sidekick, the dependable partner that the hero can count on. Johnny Carson had Ed McMahon. The Lone Ranger had Tonto. Captain Kirk had Mr. Spock.

But until this season, it was King James without a royal court.

To be fair, this season's MVP had a few

teammates he could trust on the floor, but not enough. The Cavaliers were talented, but not as skilled as the Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers or others.

But now, besides Williams, an All-Star acquired in a trade last summer, James is surrounded by a solid supporting cast. A team as tightly knit as a college fraternity, the Cavaliers had the league's best record in the regular season and are rampaging through the playoffs, with series sweeps of the Detroit Pistons and Atlanta Hawks.

"They've got weapons all over the floor," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said.

"As good as he is, and LeBron is one of

the best I've seen in 27 years in this league, he doesn't do it alone."

In winning their first eight playoff games — all by double digits — the Cavaliers are an eye-popping 74-16, tying them with the 1986 Boston Celtics for the fourth-best record through 90 games.

Only the 1996 Chicago Bulls (79-11), the 1997 Bulls (76-14) and the 1967 Philadelphia 76ers and 1972 Los Angeles Lakers (75-15) have hit 90 games ahead of these Cavs, who have been unequalled in recent months.

Since the All-Star break, the Cavs, who

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**Lakers advance by routing Rockets in Game 7** Page 25

